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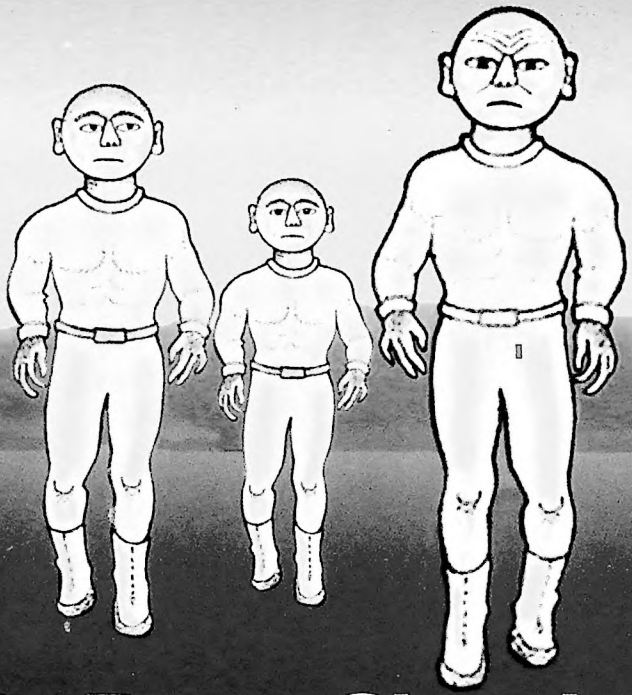

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Introduction:

Return of the Giants?

Are the Anakim or the Refaim, the giants of the Bible, returning to Israel today? There are only two periods of recorded history when giants were reported in Israel: In biblical days from the time of the Flood to the ascension of King David, and since 1993 in modern Israel.

The case for the return of giants to Israel is airtight. The giants thoughtfully chose reliable contactees as witnesses, allowed their craft to be filmed and left in their wake ample physical evidence. In fact, what characterizes the current Israeli UFO wave from others in the world, is the sheer abundance of physical evidence left behind by the visitors. Consider the first incident to usher Israel into the UFO age.

On the evening of Sept. 28, 1987, a 27-year-old auto mechanic, Ami Achrai, was driving just south of Haifa

when he saw what he thought might be a helicopter in distress hovering above the sands of Shikmona Beach on the Mediterranean Sea. He stopped his car, and to his utter amazement, saw a disc-shaped craft which emitted a bright red flash before disappearing.

Two days later he returned to the site with a ufologist the police referred him to, Hadassah Arbel. What they discovered remains one of the most lasting proofs of physical existence ever left by a UFO. The flash emitted by the craft burned its image into the sands of Shikmona Beach. A fifteen meter ellipsoid disc was burnt black into the sand, but what was more interesting was what *wasn't* burned. There in the vegetation was a clear image of the pilot of the craft facing a control board.

Seven years later I sent samples of the burnt sand to the television show *Sightings*, which subjected it to laboratory tests. The sand seemed to melt in the heat of the camera light. It was discovered the sand particles were covered by a low melting hydrocarbon material. The laboratory could find no natural or human explanation for the phenomenon.

Ami Achrai's incident was followed by a repeat

performance on June 6, 1988 when a similarly shaped craft was once again burned into the sands of Shikmona Beach, about 100 yards north of the first site. This was followed by the most spectacular display of all. On April 27, 1989, two teenagers witnessed a UFO explode into thousands of shards over Shikmona Beach.

By now, Israeli ufologists were prepared to handle the latest incident more scientifically. The beach was strewn with burning white metal which was cool to the touch. The metal even glowed in water. When picked up, the shards turned into a white ash. Scientists from the Technion Institute of Technology tested the site and found that magnetism was 6000 times higher than the surrounding area. The shards were found to be pure magnesium.

Two hundred yards above Shikmona Beach is a biblical shrine called Elijah's cave. Here Elijah preached, and here or somewhere nearby in the Carmel Mountains, Elijah challenged the Canaanites to a duel of Gods. Two bulls were tethered and the gods were beseeched to roast them. Naturally, Baal failed the Canaanites, but Elijah's God sent a ray of light from heaven which cooked the bull on the spot. This ray must have been similar to the kind of beam which burned the sands of Shikmona Beach into a saucer shape.

Within the Cave of Elijah is an ancient drawing of something that was the spitting image of the craft burned into the sands below. The *Sightings* team decided the image "was a coincidence. Maybe it was a bat." When ufologist Michael Hesemann filmed the drawing, he felt certain it was a match for the burned sand pictures.

Although the cave drawing's meaning is in dispute, the fact of the modern UFO-burned inscriptions is not. Something unique occurred at Shikmona Beach. Alien craft decided to leave souvenirs there at least three times. By doing so, they revealed the dimensions of their craft and apparently pilot, as well as their construction material. These were not crop circles nor were they formed the same way. A very different message was left on Shikmona Beach's sands.

After the UFO explosion, there was a relative hiatus of UFO activity until 1993, broken dramatically in late 1991 over the village of Sde Moshe, some five miles from Kadima. There, after two straight nights of having the inside of his house lit up by an unexplained craft hovering above it, Eli Cohen captured the responsible UFO on videotape. Several minutes of the tape were filmed after daybreak, making the result a most clear and convincing record of a UFO.

It seems the visitors were merely scouting the Kadima area in 1991 but they returned in force in 1993. And this time, the occupants of the crafts did more than merely hover in the sky.

In the early morning of April 20, Tsiporet Carmel's house glowed from within. She stepped outside and saw what she thought was a new fruit silo built outside her back yard. But then she saw the silo add a second storey to itself. Ten yards to the side of this magical silo, Tsiporet saw a seven-foot tall being wearing metallic overalls. Its head was covered in a what looked like a beekeeper's hat. Tsiporet said, "Why don't you take off your hat so I can see your face?" The being answered her telepathically, "That's the way it is."

This was Israel's first publicized close encounter with an alien being. Tsiporet could easily have been made an object of ridicule but for the fact that a crop circle 4.5 metres in diameter was found exactly where she had seen the craft. Within the circle were shards of a material later found to be a very pure silicon. Within ten days, two more circles were found outside Tsiporet's back yard. This time, they were soaked with a red liquid and this fluid would be a constant feature of upcoming landing circles. It was tested by the National Biological

Laboratory in Ness Tziona and found to be composed partly of liquid cadmium.

This was the end of Tsiporet's incidents. The visitors now concentrated on two other woman in their late thirties living on Hapalmach Street. The first was a Russian immigrant, Mara. Strange forces shook her house so hard they caused the outside air conditioning unit to fall out of its casing into the house. Voices called to Mara in her childhood nickname. Eventually she decided the house was haunted and she moved far from Kadima.

Shosh Yahud is the treasurer of the town of Kadima. She is down to earth and wants as little to do with her UFO experience as possible. In May, she awoke to see a seven-foot, round-faced being in silvery overalls circling her bed as if "floating on his shoes." The creature assured her he was not there to harm her and she became relaxed. After a few minutes the being floated through her wall outside.

Shosh thought she had dreamed the incident until she looked out her window in the morning and saw a 4.5 meter crop circle in her backyard. The ufologists descended on her home and discovered the silicon and cadmium within the circle.

The following June it was Hannah Somech's turn to be visited by a giant. Hannah lives in Burgata, three miles from Kadima. She was startled to see her dog go flying across the kitchen into a wall. She stepped outside to investigate and her way was stopped by an invisible force. She then saw a seven-foot, round-faced being in metallic overalls examining her pickup truck. She said to it, "What did you do to my dog?" It answered telepathically, "Go away. I'm busy. I could crush you like an ant if I wanted to. Go back to your husband."

Needless to say, a 4.5 meter circle crushed out of the grass was later found in Hannah's back yard. Within, the grass was soaked with red liquid cadmium.

By the end of the summer, the credible reports of giants roaming the land persuaded the normally staid television station Channel One, to broadcast a one hour program on the subject. Tsiporet and Shosh appeared as well as the ufologists who had examined the circles of Kadima. To the apparent shock of the host, the viewing audience believed the advocates of alien landings. The result was two more witnesses coming out into the open.

Both were women in their late thirties who lived within ten miles of each other south of Tel Aviv. Clara

Kahonov of Holon was most reluctant to be quoted but acknowledged that she had seen a giant being.

Batya Shimon of Rishon Letzion saw far more than one. In early July, two seven-foot tall, bald creatures beamed themselves into her seventh floor apartment. They told her telepathically not to be frightened and she immediately relaxed. She then felt they had "friendly faces." They roamed her home, "floating on their shoes" dusting her shelves with a yellow, foul-smelling powder. One being saw her son's aquarium, became very excited and called his colleague over. After a few minutes, they beamed themselves outside. The next night at 3 A.M, a dozen giants visited Batya arriving and leaving the same way.

I have had extensive conversations with the contactees and there is much in common with their stories. That is fit subject for a separate book. In short, all were the same age, all were white collar workers, three have been haunted since their encounters telepathically, all their men slept through the encounters, two had mysterious pregnancies, etc. But the core commonality is that these women did not know each other and separately described the same seven foot tall, bald, round-faced giants.

And if absolute proof that giants were about in Israel was needed, it came in December in the village of Yatzitz, twelve miles east of Rishon Letzion. The giants had opened a new axis after Kadima, a triangle of twenty miles, linking Rishon Letzion, Holon and Yatzitz.

Herzl Casatini, the village security chief and his friend Danny Ezra were sharing conversation when they heard an explosion and felt Ezra's house shake. Herzl opened the door and stood face to face with a nine-foot-tall creature in metallic clothes whose face was hidden in "a haze." He shut the door and called the police. They arrived and discovered deep boot tracks in the hard mud. The tracks sunk 35 centimeters into the ground meaning whoever made them had to have weighed, literally, a ton. Thinking there might have been a terrorist incursion, the army was called in.

Military trackers were totally stumped. The tracks carried on for 8 kilometers. The heel dug in only 5 cm., meaning whatever made the tracks was walking almost on tip-toes. Sometimes the distance between tracks was twelve feet. The Yatzitz incident confirmed, even to the deepest skeptics, that giants were indeed sighted and they left proof that was nearly impossible to dispute. The best the Israeli authorities could come up with to explain

the tracks was they were left by an unknown cult. It would have to be very unknown for records of cults whose ceremonies include dressing as giants and leaving miles of unidentifiable tracks are undoubtedly quite rare.

After Yatitz, giant sightings were reported in Ramat Hasharon, Rehovot and Afula. And 1996 became a vintage year for UFO evidence gathering with a good dozen craft filmed. Two incidents stand out: In August, a UFO was filmed over three nights with professional equipment at Kibbutz Hatzor. The results include a closeup of what appear to be rows of square-shaped vents on the craft; second, in December, a Netanya household reported constant contact with small greys, the first such report from Israel. The witnesses backed up their claims with an abundance of physical evidence, including hands and feet that glowed orange under a black light, and dozens of nearly invisible needle marks on their bodies.

The Israeli UFO experience is unique and very complicated. I have touched on just one aspect of it; but it is vital to understanding the Israeli puzzle. Of the seven best documented close encounters with alien beings provably connected to UFOs, six involved giants. These giants were determined to leave evidence of their

arrival in the form of cadmium-imbued landing circles, miles of impossible boot tracks and deliberate communication with witnesses.

Indeed, the abundant evidence more than indicates there are giants roaming Israel today as there were 5,000 years ago and they also left proof of their existence. The giants were descended from the Nefilim, literally the fallen ones. In ancient time, entities 'fell' on Israel from the heavens and later became the mortal enemies of the Hebrew nations.

One giant king was Og of Bashan. The bible records that his bed was thirteen-feet long. Bashan's territory included the Golan Heights. Sitting on the Golan Heights is the Israeli version of Stonehenge. Called Gilgal Refaim, the Circle of the Refaim, or giants in English, this site consists of five concentric rings whose beauty can only be appreciated from above. Unfortunately, there was supposedly no way for the simple nomads of 5000 years ago to see the circles from above.

The site is enormous. The outside circle has a diameter of 159 meters and over 37,000 tons of rock went into the construction of the complex. Two openings in the circles may have been used to measure the solar solstice and the rising of Sirius in 3000 BCE.

The fact remains that Israeli archaeologists are totally mystified by the Gilgal Refaim. No other complex built in the Middle East resembles it and it predates the pyramids by over 500 years. The indigenous nomads of the time did not engage in this kind of megalith building, so outsiders were probably the builders. According to the Bible, the only outsiders living on the Golan Heights back then were giants.

Maybe it's a longshot, but no one has come up with a better explanation for Israel's current UFO wave. I believe the ancient giants may be coming home.

I conclude on a somber note. The biblical giants were God's enemy and Israel's armies were the means to their utter destruction. There is a legitimate reason to contemplate the recent return of giants in Israel with a good measure of dread.

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The Kadima Landings

In late February of 1993, Ginat Aharoni left her home in the town of Tel Mond, some three miles from Kadima, and drove towards the coastal city of Netanya to pick her mother up at the train station. She took a dark, lonely road on this cloudless night. Near the village of Tel Yitzhak, a very bright object passed over her vehicle at a height of no more than thirty feet.

Ginat was more astounded than terrified and took the trouble of making note of details. The object was round and about forty feet in diameter. Around its rim were some twenty lights, orange and glowing, which moved slowly counter-clockwise. Then one light at a time was darkened to give an illusion of movement. Eleven months later, she recalled the event:

"I knew what I saw was no plane or helicopter because it was so low I could see it. I don't think it was much higher than the ceiling here. I told my parents and boyfriend what I saw. My father still thinks I had

mistaken the object for something explainable. But what I saw was not explainable. Fortunately, the object passed over me in a matter of ten seconds so I wasn't traumatized by the experience."

Ginat apparently saw the same object that actually landed alongside the Tulkarem-Netanya road at about eight in the evening. This UFO was also described as being surrounded by orange, circling lights. Outside the village of Kfar Yonah, it landed for about a minute and cars pulled over to get a better look until it slowly rose and flew northward. The incident took place about ten miles from Kadima and was the first reported landing of as many as twenty in the next few months.

Kadima is a town of some five thousand souls in the center of the coastal plains region of Israel called, in Hebrew, *The Sharon*. To locate it on a map, look half way between Tel Aviv and Haifa and find the city of Netanya, about ten miles east is Kadima.

This is citrus country and while Netanya has few open spaces, Kadima is surrounded by lush orchards and green meadows. At least, they're green in March when the UFOs decided this was the place they would investigate.

Three quarters of Kadima's citizens live in cramped, three storey apartment blocks. They are physically

separated from HaPalmach Street by about a mile and mentally by the diameter of an alien space ship.

The people of HaPalmach Street live in their own separate houses and some are luxurious. They all boast spacious grounds of about a quarter of an acre. At one time Kadima was a communal farm settlement, or moshav, and, in fact, it is still a moshav on the books. HaPalmach Street in 1993 was an unpaved farm road connecting homes of the original settlers. But agriculture is no longer much of a source of income for the residents.

The people of moshav Kadima are a mix of European and Sephardic Jews who have very different cultures but do get along. Tsiporet Carmel and Shosh Yahud are clearly different types of people. Tziporet is Israeli-born and speaks in the peculiar enthusiastic lilt of the landed Ashkenazi. Her father was a renowned pilot in the Israeli Air Force and she more than dabbles in literature.

Shosh speaks in heavily Middle East-intoned Hebrew and is a first-generation Israeli. She is a stern mother and immaculate housewife; her husband is a blue-collar laborer. Like Tsiporet, she is in her late thirties but that is all they seem to have in common, except that they both met a very tall visitor.

At 6:30 in the morning of March 20, 1993, Tsiporet awoke and went to her kitchen. This was not her usual pattern, as she explains:

"I'm a late sleeper and I seldom get up that early. And this was Saturday, a day I always sleep late. But something disturbed me and I felt drawn to walk to the kitchen. When I got there, the room was bathed in a strange light, this even though the sun was up. I went outside and checked the grounds. As I went around the storage shed I noticed what I thought was a new fruit silo in the field about a hundred meters from me. I remembered thinking, why would anyone put a silo there and in the middle of the night at that?

"I took a closer look at the silo and realized this was no ordinary container. It was silver-colored for one thing, which is not standard for silos. It seemed square shaped from the angle I was looking. Along its side were eighteen glowing square windows which looked like diamonds in a necklace. Five huge beams of powerful light shone from the roof into the northern sky. And the silo was emitting what looked like sparklers along its side. I guessed the size of the silo to be about five meters in length and about three meters high. But then it seemed to grow another storey. By that I mean, a second section materialized and doubled the height of the silo.

"Then I saw what, at first, I thought was a worker a few meters from the silo. When I saw him, so did the dogs and they went crazy. The worker was over seven

feet tall and wore metallic overalls, something like aluminum foil. He wore a sombrero with a veil that covered his face that in totality looked like a beekeeper's hat.

"We both stared at each other for, perhaps thirty seconds and I realized finally who he was. I quietly whispered: Why don't you take off your hat so I can see your face? I heard his answer clearly in my head. He said in Hebrew, 'Kakha zeh,' meaning, that's the way it is.

"After that, I felt impelled to go back to my kitchen and boil some coffee. When I went back outside, the ship and its occupant was gone."

Tziporet took her time reacting to the strange morning. After a few days she told a friend, Tsipi Maayan, what happened and they walked to the field to see if any evidence of the incident remained. They found a round circle of dead vegetation, or rather *dissolved vegetation*, about fifteen feet in diameter and protruding from it a path and then another circle of about four feet in diameter where the tall visitor had stood.

Instead of calling the police immediately, the two returned from the site and told other neighbors. Rumors spread throughout the moshav and one moshavnik had the foresight to seek out both UFO investigators and the press. Both descended on the site and thus was born Israel's most publicized UFO encounter of 1993.

Among the UFO investigators who flocked to Kadima for this and subsequent landings were Doron

Rotem, Ami Achrai, Rachel Hendl, Avi Grief and Yoram Torbatian. The investigators found burnt ground that emitted an acrid smell of incinerated rubber. This smell would accompany other landings and its significance has not yet been determined. Also found was a black oily substance with a sweet smell and the odd capacity of dissolving any vegetative material including plants and clothes. Later testing proved the substance was not flammable.

But Doron Reshef discovered the most significant find of all — dozens of shards of a grey, shiny material. It was like nothing the investigators had seen before. It was incredibly light, so light that it seemed to have no weight at all. Yet it was so strong it cut through glass and resisted chipping from hammer blows. Further testing proved it absorbed heat and cold instantaneously. This material was tested in a government laboratory a few weeks later and the results were both astounding and controversial.

One side effect of the field research was sickness, as Tsiporet explains:

> **I was nauseous for days, had horrible diarrhea, fits of shivering and couldn't stop sleeping. It was like a bad flu.**

By the time the author arrived at the first landing site

eight months later, not much had apparently changed. In the midst of thick vegetation was a circle of sandy soil where very little grew. Tsiporet warned me not to stay too long but I couldn't resist looking for signs of the landing that might have been overlooked. After scratching through the burnt and charred remains of wood and plastic and digging through the soil, I began feeling ill, like I was coming down with the flu, and I spent the remainder of the day mooching pain killers from the people I was interviewing. I told Tsiporet that if she hadn't planted the suggestion in the first place, I wouldn't have had a psychosomatic reaction. She replied, "It wouldn't have made a difference. Everyone who stays too long at the spot gets sick after."

The next landing behind Tsiporet's house was in the early morning of March 30. Once again a circle of desiccated and dying plant life betrayed the visit. This time the site offered a new clue about interstellar technology. A red, oily material was streaked throughout the landing site. This material proved even more sickening to a number of people than whatever was left behind after the first landing, as we shall soon see with the case of Shosh Yahud.

On top of its sickening powers, the oil was not easily removed from skin as Rachel Hendl recalls:

"I gathered a vial full of the stuff and put it in my car. But when I got back home I got scared and threw it out. I didn't know what it was, maybe it was radioactive. When I returned inside, I tried to wash it off my hands but it wouldn't come out. I scrubbed so hard my hands almost fell off but it took days before it went away. I couldn't understand it, the material wasn't sticky and was easily removed from my clothes but it stuck to skin. Luckily, it didn't cause any harm."

The next day, March 31, another circle was discovered, behind Tsiporet's house, the third in eleven days. Once again the investigators descended and again, they took back a significant haul of the strange, shiny material they had collected at the first site.

Thus ended the landings behind Tsiporet Carmel's home. However, the effects remained within her. To this day Tsipora sees auras around peoples' faces and believes she has gained healing power. As we shall see, she is not alone among witnesses who shares that belief.

Nor was she the last person in Kadima affected by the UFOs. At 2:30 in the morning of May 31, Shosh Yahud was awakened by a huge bang, "like a big picture had fallen." She then:

"...woke up and saw this strange, human-looking creature standing over me, just looking. I wasn't frightened because I wasn't certain I was awake. I

heard a voice in my head saying, *Don't be afraid. I won't hurt you.* He then circled my bed and looked around for a short time.

"The room was lighted just enough for me to get a good look at him. He was over seven feet tall, thin and bald. His eyes were round and had the look of traffic light. His face was round too and quite kind. He seemed to be walking on air, rather than on the floor. The whole experience lasted only a few minutes.

"For the rest of the night, my whole body was itchy and I scratched. I never scratch, so that was a unique reaction. About two hours later I walked to my balcony and saw two circles on the lawn below. Then I went back to sleep and sort of forgot about the whole night.

"The next day, I was talking with a neighbor and found out lots of people had seen a UFO the night before. The whole neighborhood was gossiping about it. That jarred me and I told her what I thought happened to me several hours before. We both walked to my backyard and there were the two circles. The grass inside them looked like it had been swirled clockwise by a big fan."

The neighbor ran to another neighbor, Yossi Yitzhak, a contractor with a good collection of tools in his home. He brought a magnetometer to Shosh's home and began testing. The two circles registered very high magnetism. So did Shosh's bedroom. Magnetic levels

were normal everywhere else on the property. Within the circles was the red fluid that had sickened Tsipora Carmel. For three days after the visitation Shosh, too, suffered from nausea, severe headaches, goosebumps and shivering. After she recovered, she made the mistake of going into her backyard and the symptoms returned. The lesson learned, she waited months before venturing there again.

The ufologists descended on the home and made notes. Shosh's husband was sleeping downstairs on the living room couch. He had not heard the bang nor was his sleep disturbed. All doors were locked in the morning and the windows showed no signs of forced entry. In order to enter, the alien had to float through the wall to get to Shosh's second storey bedroom.

Unlike Tsiporet's landings, which were in an open field, Shosh's two UFOs landed precisely in a fenced yard not much bigger than the ships themselves. Their diameters were measured at 4.5 meters each. Eight months later, the circles were clearly visible as the grass within had grown to only half the height of the surrounding grass.

The ufologists tried to draw conclusions from the incidents and a consensus reached was that the ships were suffering mechanical trouble. That would explain

why Tsiporet saw them in broad daylight and why they chose to hide in Shosh's yard. Doron Rotem believed the trouble may have started on May 20, when one of the ships tilted and touched the ground while it was spinning. Hence the shards that were scattered about the field behind Tsiporet's house. He was convinced that the material was part of the protective shield covering the UFOs.

The explanation was only partly satisfying. What had yet to be answered was why the aliens did so much exploring in Kadima. The mystery only deepened when the strange story of Mara emerged.

Shosh lives about two hundred yards south of Tsiporet. About the same distance north, at the very end of HaPalmach Street, a new immigrant couple from Russia was renting a home. The wife's name was Mara and she could not be located for the purposes of this book. She had moved and cut all contact with the nightmare moshav of Kadima. Her story is recorded from the scrupulous interviews conducted with ufologists Doron Reshef, Yoram Torbatian and Avi Grief.

Mara's story was discovered as an afterthought. One day in the summer of 1993, her husband told a neighbor that he was thinking of moving because the house he rented was "haunted." He described his wife hearing

voices and strange bangings on the walls that they both heard. Word reached the ufologists who separately made trips, once again to Kadima.

First on the scene was Torbatian who discovered a flattened circle in Mara's backyard and four clear indentations within. He measured the circle at 4.30 meter's diameter while the diameters of the indentations were 325 cm., 245 cm., 270 cm. and 290 cm. Totally convinced the Russian couple had been visited, the ufologists pieced together their story.

At 12:30 A.M. April 24, 1993, the couple's house was shaken by a boom so powerful, it jiggled the 300 lb. air-conditioner out of the wall. Their first reaction was that they had felt the effects of an unusually powerful sonic boom.

A half hour later, a second boom rocked the house, this time accompanied by the terrified barking of the neighbor's dog. The couple called the police. Officers arrived and offered no explanation for the noise but, did not dismiss the couple as cranks since the evidence of the air-conditioner was in full view and the dog had not quieted.

For the next few months, Mara heard distinct voices, not within her head as Shosh and Tsiporet reported, but from the walls, calling to her in her childhood nickname. The message most often repeated was, "Come to us, Marishka. Come to us."

While Shosh gives reluctant interviews to this day, and Tsiporet enjoys the limelight, Mara found her UFO experience terrifying. She abandoned Kadima and has broken all contact with her former neighbors and the ufologists.

After the first Kadima landings, the city of Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee was the scene of some dramatic UFO appearances. The sheer number of witnesses impelled Israel Television host, Manny Peer to conduct an hour-long show dedicated to the subject of UFOs. At the time, Israel had only two television channels and as much as half the country's viewing population would tune into Manny Peer.

As we shall soon see, the show was the impetus for other witnesses to come forward but more to the immediate point, Peer revealed a remarkable document to the Israeli public. The Israeli government's Geological Survey Institute (GSI) had tested the material found in the field behind Tsiporet's house and Peer had the report. The fact that a branch of the government had tested the

material was important but what made the report even more authoritative was that it was signed by the head of the institute's chemical testing laboratory, Dr. Henry Fohner.

The document begins by explaining that the material was subjected to two tests and that the results are corroborative thus are to be considered conclusive. The report's conclusion was that, "The material is composed of elemental silicon, a material that is not found naturally."

This is remarkable testimony. In a rare instance of official openness, a government document admitted that UFO detritus cannot be explained in earthly terms. The significance of the report was explained by Peer, who throughout the show, played the role of the bemused skeptic. He told the viewers that, "The kind of pure silicon produced on earth, is created out of a combination of sand, polymers and acids in laboratories. The silicon tested at the GSI has so signs of artificial manufacture. It is, in fact, an element on its own."

The ufologists have different interpretations of the report. According to Doron Rotem, "Our technicians leave microscopic impurities in manufactured silicone. The material from Kadima was purer than anything made on Earth."

Ruth Hendl sees the importance in different terms. She insists, "The form of the silicon was unique, as if it had been mined. No company manufactures silicon rocks."

Yoram Torbatian had investigated the material left behind at Kadima more closely than anyone and it was he who first submitted the various shards and oils to another laboratory at the Biological Institute of Israel, located at Ness Tziona. His interpretation is the most educated in this case.

"The laboratory subjected the materials to a number of tests including differential thermal analysis and x-ray spectograph. After determining that the material was silicon, they photographed the surface and discovered that it was pocked with pores with a diameter of about half a millimeter each. It's as if the pores were drilled into the material. This is what distinguishes their silicon from ours.

"My contact at the lab was Dr. Michael Dvorchik. He told me that the year before, he had tested the same material. It was brought to him by a resident of the Negev Desert, Dr. Akiva Flexer. Flexer claimed that it fell from the sky but would not elaborate." Ruth Hendl received a report from a soldier that he found a great deal of the material he saw on the Manny Peer show in the Negev while on a training mission.

Torbatian collected the red oil that sickened Shosh,Tsiporet and others and placed it in a container made of anodized aluminum and covered it with aluminum foil. Two weeks later the aluminum had corroded and partly dissolved. He was later told by Dvorchik that it was the magnesium used in the anodizing process that had dissolved.

Dvorchik's lab found that the red oil was largely cadmium, a material used on Earth in the manufacture of batteries and known for its ability to withstand high temperatures. After the Peer Show, the GSI and Dvorchik were given strict instructions by unnamed authorities to desist from making official reports. Dvorchik persisted in leaking reports to the ufologists for a week after the order was given, then broke off contact.

Torbatian sums up the silicon controversy. "Dr. Dvorchik told me that silicon could be purchased and pores drilled into it if someone wanted to perpetuate a fraud. But whoever did it, would have to be very wealthy since silicone, in the amount found would cost thousands of dollars even before its appearance was changed. It's just not a remotely feasible con."

One more character in the Kadima flap must be introduced. He is Eli Cohen, the man who captured a Kadima UFO on videotape. All the ufologists and

interested witnesses agree — Eli Cohen is one of the most genuine of the personalities in the Kadima drama and that his evidence is essential to unraveling the whys of the invasion.

Eli lives in Sde Moshe, a moshav three miles north of Kadima. He is young, good-looking and ambitious. I was privileged to catch him at an opportune moment. He has just returned home with his latest product. It is an AM/FM radio shaped like a space ship with an inner disc and upper and lower domes. The speaker is in the lower dome while the upper dome can be turned to adjust the stations.

He proudly displayed it and in a speedy, animated voice exclaimed, "They just arrived from Hong Kong today. It's my design, no one else has thought of it. I've already received orders from Europe and the Americans will love it."

This is not Cohen's only UFO money-making project. His collection of UFO anecdotes was professionally recorded and will soon be sold in cassette form. He announced that a company would back him to open an 800 telephone service, providing UFO stories to callers for two dollars a minute. Eli said: "I never used to read, I'm not proud of that but it's true. But after I saw the spaceship, I couldn't stop reading. Every book was about UFOs. I became obsessed with them."

His wife is lovely, maybe twenty-five years old. She entered the living room with their month old baby. Eli rushed to her with the radio and begged her to examine it. She ignored it and handed him the infant. She walked away muttering, "More UFO nonsense."

Eli held the baby and began to tell his story. He became more animated as the tale unfolded.

"My first sighting was at three in the morning, on September 26,1991. I woke up with this strange feeling that someone was outside. I took my gun from the drawer and went to the kids' room. I saw a light outside and thought it was a car so I went back to my bedroom and woke up my wife. My wife saw the same thing as I did, a ray of light, like a searchlight, beamed on the orchard outside from a strange object in the sky. Then it was gone.

"The next night at the same time, I woke up with a feeling that it's out there. I opened the bedroom window and I saw a light in the sky, like a fireball, shaped like an eye. It hovered above the orchard and bounced like a yo-yo. Thirty seconds later it flew away at tremendous speed.

"That day I took action. First, I phoned Hadassah Arbel. Everyone now says she's nuts but she handled my conversation professionally."

Hadassah Arbel is Israel's pioneer ufologist and her name will reappear in conjunction with other incidents.

"She told me to gather evidence and I went to work. I had a friend in Herzlia with a video camera and I invited him to come over that night and asked a couple of friends to stay the night to act as witnesses. "We played cards until five past three in the morning and then it appeared. It was less impressive than the times before but it still lit up the room. We filmed it for three hours. It would appear then disappear and we'd go back to the cards. Then it would come back and we'd film it. The film from the middle of the night turned out to be unclear but just as the sun rose at six, we filmed it for about thirty seconds and there is no mistaking what I had seen."

Eli's film shows a distant and tiny object bouncing in the air above the orchards of Sde Moshe. Doron Rotem had the film enlarged and the result is a clear picture of a hat-shaped vehicle with a flat bottom and dome above. The airship is grey-colored and two wings forming a V half-way up the dome from the flat bottom are visible. Whatever Eli Cohen filmed, it was not an airplane that anyone recognized.

The contrast between earthly aircraft and this ship was illustrated at 5 A.M. of Eli's second sighting, when an Israeli Airforce plane crossed paths with the UFO. Eli believes the plane was a cargo vehicle, not a jet, and it

did not give chase. Eli's story and the indisputable proof of his film complicates the Kadima saga deeply. What his film proves is that a year and a half before the landing behind Tsiporet Carmel's house, the aliens were scouting the area.

As for Eli Cohen, his career and outlook were altered dramatically. His focus for years after became UFOs. "I don't know why it happened to me," he says, "But my life changed forever."

Two

Meetings with the Visitors

Four miles southeast of Kadima is a moshav with a serious incident under its belt. But the moshav has put a clamp-down on its citizens. In order to put together the events of the town, I had to depend on notes taken by Doron Rotem while people were still willing to talk to outsiders, a videotape of Hannah Somech recorded by Doron, and a videotape of a resident named Dorit recorded by a policeman named Yosef Sari, who filmed a short history of the area's encounters, purportedly for private purposes.

According to the sources available, in 1991 an eleven-year-old boy of Yemenite origin disappeared for half a day while walking home from school. When he finally returned to his hysterical parents late at night, he forgot why he was late and had no recollection of his previous hours.

Two weeks later, it all came back. He was abducted

by giants and taken into their lair. There, he was medically examined and a small device was surgically inserted into his left arm near the wrist.

The boy told his parents the story and he was taken to a clinic where a small device was removed from his arm. His parents, at first, were not reluctant to relate this strange tale to neighbors and family. But after a spate of conversations with ufologists and curious friends, the father ordered the family to forget the episode ever occurred.

But the aura of the mystery would not abandon the moshav. The story of the interrupted tape is well-known to local investigators. Dorit details the tale on Sari's videotape. It begins with a middle-aged housewife driving home with her cassette player blaring music:

"Suddenly the music stops and a voice tells her not to worry, they are coming but not to be afraid when they do. Then the voice says it knows Burgata is a troubled place and recites the difficulties of various people.

"The driver didn't understand what happened to her tape so she shut it off and turned on the radio. The same voice was now on the radio telling her not to be afraid.

"The woman took out the tape and played it at home for friends. We heard the voice and the calming

messages, the litany of town woes and then the tape stopped working altogether for good."

These are intriguing yarns and generally believed by the country's UFO investigators. But without solid evidence none are willing to report the stories or their feeling that Burgata is of great interest to extra-terrestrials.

The story of Hannah Somech is a different matter. Her visitation is backed by physical evidence. Doron Rotem, Avi Grief and others investigated the 4.5 meter circle in her yard and found the red oil collected in Kadima. Avi Grief took photos of the Somech circle and when they were developed, a fluorescent looking triangle ruined the shots. The phenomenon is hard to explain. One sees the usual grasses desiccated and spinning clockwise, yet in the midst of them is a bright triangular light, white in the middle, pink at the edge and surrounded by a blue glow. Grief was told this had to be a laboratory error, yet the lab denied it and the other pictures on the roll which were not of the circle came out unaffected.

Doron Rotem considers Hannah's story totally believable. He is currently making a film about the recent UFO wave and recorded Hannah before the

clampdown at the moshav. Now, she wants to re-record the whole thing, with her face covered.

Hannah Somech was visited after the Kadima wave passed. She is a middle-aged woman, perhaps in her early forties, who speaks in the Hebrew dialect known as Yekke, after the German Jews who brought their inflections to Israel two generations ago.

She talks about being awakened at 3 A.M., the preferred hour of visitations in Israel, by the furious barking of her white poodle. She got up, walked to the kitchen, arriving just in time to see her dog flying several feet into the air before being smashed into the wall.

She walked outside and saw a being examining her pickup truck. He was over seven feet tall, had very pale skin, a round head, large round eyes and was wearing overalls of some silvery, metallic material. She was apparently too angry about her dog to be afraid, as she relates:

> **"I asked him, 'What did you do to my dog?', and he answered telepathically, 'Go away, I'm busy.' I persisted asking him about the dog and must have made an expression that confused him because he answered, 'Wipe that smirk off your face. I could hurt you, too, but I don't want to. Just leave and let me work.'"**

Hannah walked inside and woke her husband. He phoned a friend, informed him there were intruders outside his house and asked him to rush over. The two of them drove throughout the moshav but by that time the visit was over. In the morning they saw the circle and finally understood what must have happened the night before.

Doron is always amused by this tape. "He talked to her like a low-life greaser," he notes. "It was a very natural encounter. The dog bothered him so he let him have it. That's the kind alien he was. Then Hannah interrupted him and he threatened the same thing but in the end, didn't hurt her. It's a hint that the aliens respect us and have little regard for animals."

The subject of animals is a source of some debate among Israeli ufologists. At Kadima, one of Israel's early UFO investigators, David Kornitz, found a dead rabbit emptied of blood but without any sign of bodily harm. He considered this one of Kadima's strongest finds but the silicone and oil overshadowed it totally.

The theme of animals re-occurs in what both Rotem and Grief consider Israel's most enticing encounter. The incident was discovered because of a number of encounters that occurred fifty miles away in the Galilee region of northern Israel.

From January to May, hundreds of people were eye-witnesses to UFOs that not only flew over cities and towns but also into them.

In January, a large UFO hovered over the Sea of Galilee at a height of two kilometers for two hours and was watched by hundreds of the city's citizens including their police. But this was a minor prelude to the drama which would unfold less than two months later at an Arab village located halfway between Kadima and Haifa called Fardis.

The story is so fantastic that it is best related from a newspaper account that appeared in the country's biggest daily, *Yediot Ahronot*:

> **Citizens of Fardis claim that in the past two weeks a UFO has taken control of their town. The craft looks like a cloud with a plate above it. Accompanying it are powerful winds which have uprooted trees and blown the roofs off greenhouses. It appears out of nowhere and disappears within seconds.**
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> **Odeh Abu-Abd, 25, a gardener says, 'I left my house in the morning I saw a cloud moving quickly towards the town from the sea. Then it turned sharply and fell to the ground. As it did I heard all kinds of strange sounds. It was like an earthquake. Above the cloud was a huge dish. It suddenly flew at me full speed and I watched my neighbor's large fruit trees fly in the air. Nearby, women and children rushed into their houses.**

Mahmud Abu-Salakh added, 'At five in the morning I left with my brother and friend to go fishing. Everything started out normal. The weather was calm. When the boat was well offshore we saw a cloud dive at us from the sky. It circled us and we saw above it a huge dish.

Quickly, we were in the midst of a windstorm and gigantic waves surrounded us. One wave, twenty-four feet high, swamped our boat. In my life I've never seen a wave that big on the Mediterranean. The wave swept me into the water with such force I felt my back break. My brother and friend pulled me out of the water just in time.

Elders of the town say that never has such a phenomenon been seen in the region.

A journalist from Fardis, Amash Basam, was driving just outside the town when the UFO swooped down toward his car. As he recalls: "The craft just missed me and flew in the direction of a barn. It seemed to crash into the barn and the building was smashed as it passed over."

The residents of the town are Israeli Arabs, largely blue-collar and hardly given to seeking national publicity, which is what they received, understandable in light of the heavy damage inflicted on the town.

This is the only known Israel incident in which a

UFO attacked people and property. Hadassah Arbel did not think the damage was deliberate. According to her theory: "The craft was having trouble building the power to switch from matter to anti-matter."

On May 25, another UFO appeared in Tiberius and this time in full daylight. The incident began when a young man returned to the town after visiting family in the nearby Golan Heights. While the young man was traveling along the southern shore of the Sea of Galilee, a UFO dropped from the sky and followed him for almost half an hour. Terrified, he stopped at a public phone and called the police. He told them he was being followed by a light and it wasn't a star.

A squad car was rushed to the scene and saw a shiny, colorful object flying slowly above the car about a mile overhead. A policeman reported back to headquarters that the object was moving slowly from north to south and that it was a UFO. The object remained in the sky an additional twenty minutes before disappearing over the southern horizon.

It may be worth noting that on the Golan Heights is a 5,000 year old version of Stonehenge. It is a huge complex of circles made of thick rock walls. It's ancient purpose has befuddled Israeli archaeologists since its discovery in 1968, but the possibility of its having been an astronomical observatory is not discounted.

As if the police admission that what was investigated was, in fact, a UFO was not proof enough, a Tiberius man, Baruch Zvulun, filmed the UFO on his video camera for a quarter of an hour. The next day his camera ceased operating and could not be repaired but the film of the UFO remained a clear and unarguable piece of evidence that a craft of unknown origin had visited Galilee.

Five days later and object was filmed twenty miles to the south by the Nazareth police department. At six in the morning of May 30, a Nazareth policeman relayed the following message from his squad car to headquarters: "I see a shimmering body about two kilometers in the sky. It's mostly staying still but occasionally it moves. I swear to you it's a UFO."

The message was passed directly to the northern command of the Israeli Army and Air Force. At the crack of dawn military personnel arrived at the scene and reported an unidentifiable body in the sky above Nazareth. At the same moment, photographers from two sections of the Nazareth police department, filmed the UFO. According to a report in *Yediot Ahronot*:

> **The film was transferred to the Army for inspection. The Israel Defense Forces has not yet released its findings.**

Nor, as we shall see, will it ever.

By early June 1993, Israel was in the midst of an impressive and confusing UFO wave. In less than three months, UFOs were filmed in Tiberius and Nazareth. They had swooped down on the Arab town of Fardis, they had landed at least four times in Kadima and these were only the most publicized episodes. The public was getting a bit edgy and it wanted answers. Israeli television host, Manny Peer, trried to offer a few on his show in early June.

The guests included Doran Rotem, Avi Grief, Amash Basam, Baruch Zvulun, Shosh Yahud and Tsiporet Carmel. The audience was filled with UFO witnesses, most of whose evidence does not appear in this book, which concentrates only on the most powerful or publicized incidents.

As previously mentioned, the highlight of the program was Peer's reading of the report by the government's Geological Survey Institute on the composition of material found at Kadima. This was a rare instance in recent UFO history that a government agency has publicized findings and admitted there was no earthly explanation for them.

At the close of the show Peer requested that other

UFO witnesses call the studio to speak with the gathered experts on the subject. Many did, but no story was so affecting as that of a bank teller from Rishon LeTzion, Batya Shimon.

In mid-May, the same race of aliens reported in Kadima and Burgata visited Rishon LeTzion, seventy miles south, on the Mediterranean coast.

At 3 A.M. Batya Shimon was awakened by strange lights outside her bedroom window. Unlike Tsiporet Carmel, Shosh Yahud, or Hannahh Samech, Batya lives in a crowded neighborhood. Up til now, visitations had been restricted to isolated homes. Now, the visitors chose to see how people live in a city.

What may not be coincidental is that the visitors chose as a witness another middle-aged housewife. Batya rose from her bed in fright at the sound of powerful banging coming from her living room. She walked into the room and saw two beings standing opposite her. She let out a scream but no sound was emitted.

In the morning she awoke to find every door of both closets and rooms opened but nothing was taken. A yellow sand that smelled like phosphorous was spread on the kitchen and bathroom shelves. She then recalled what she had seen the night before. The visitors were

over seven feet tall, wore clothing that shone like neon, had round faces, large round eyes, unpronounced noses, small mouths and circular heads. They were bald but had black eyebrows.

Batya's husband had also seen the strange lights in the house but he thought he was dreaming.

For the third time in two months the husband had slept through a visitation while his wife was permitted to meet the travelers from another solar system or dimension. And as usual the wife was put into a mild trance similar to a dreamstate. By doing so, the witnesses believed they were dreaming, did not panic and went back to sleep when the visitors departed. Why women were chosen over their husbands must remain a matter for speculation. Perhaps they are less prone to violent reaction.

The next morning at 3 A.M. Batya was awakened by a strong light from the kitchen window. Looking out, she saw a large mushroom-shaped object with a clear door approaching from the sky. A light was directed at her shoulder and it felt like a strong punch.

The next thing she knew she was back in her bed watching a tall visitor wave his hand slowly above her husband's head. He telepathically told her to calm

down. Her feeling was reinforced when the visitor told her they weren't there to harm her.

While the visitor was in the bedroom, another was touring the rest of the house, not so much on foot as floating upright — his legs did not move. His face was covered in a thin haze that obscured the details somewhat but Batya recognized both visitors as the same race of guests that she had seen the previous night. This time, however, she noted more details. She looked at their hands and saw they were human, but their skin was as light as an albino's. Their clothes were also white but they 'shone like neon and were skin-tight.'

Suddenly, the second visitor appeared opposite her bedroom door, just inside her son's bedroom. He gestured his comrade to come and have a look at what he had found. The first being floated to the boy's room and both stared transfixed at the boy's aquarium.

The visit lasted just a couple of minutes when a light shone through the kitchen window and they disappeared into it.

The next morning all the doors were again opened and the same sand, this time described as smelling like sulphur, was spread over the shelves.

"What was so convincing," recalls Grief, "was Batya herself. Like Shosh, she is a Sephardic housewife with no interest in the supernatural. Her main concern in life is her family and getting the bills paid. Then this happens and she doesn't understand what is happening to her mind. That's why she called after seeing the Peer show. She finally realized who her strange guests were and that she wasn't alone."

Grief thinks that the connection to animals may be part of the reason the being chose to visit Batya. "Once they found the fish, they became very excited and immediately left. That might have been their mission. Don't forget about Hannah's flying dog, Mara's neighbor's dog or the fact that Tsiporet raises Great Danes. And then there is the rabbit David Kornitz found that was bled white without any signs of wounds or incisions. Animals play too much of a role in the visitations to be ignored."

By 1997, that observation would seem prophetic.

Three

Israel Awakens To The Invasion

During the spring of 1980, I was a soldier in the anti-aircraft brigade of the Israeli Air Force. My duty was to operate two types of anti-aircraft missile. My unit was on training maneuvers in the bleak Sinai Desert and private Adam Reuter was on skywatch. While staring into the western skies with his binoculars, he called me over, saying, "I think I'm looking at a UFO."

He handed me the glasses and I saw a large, well lit, silvery object. Circling it were red objects that occasionally flew into the silver one, seemingly melding with it.

One by one members of the unit were called to observe the sight until most had stopped digging their foxholes. Our officers intervened and everyone went back to their mundane military exercise, everyone but Adam and me, who were severely reprimanded for slagging work. Nonetheless, we could not take our eyes off the sky.

Over the next three months, strange lights passed over our base. We had been trained to identify jets and helicopters of all kinds and how not to confuse them with satellites. What we were seeing was nothing like anything taught in our skywatching classes. These were highflying, soundless dots in the upper atmosphere that flew in squadrons, stopped in the middle of their flight, joined together then split off in different directions and turned at impossible angles. They were best described as manually controlled satellites. Since such a fleet of vehicles did not exist, we had no explanation for what we were seeing.

As the summer wore on, Adam and I were the sole advocates of the UFO theory and I especially was subjected to mockery. The most common theory among the unit was that a new weapons system was being tested but over time, that explanation did not suit even the most hardened critics.

One morning at assembly, the unit asked our officers to request an explanation from the Air Force. A few days after the request was submitted, a colonel from the Meteorological Division addressed us. His message was simple," We don't know what you are seeing but we request that you do not tell outsiders since that only spreads rumors."

So the arguments over the lights continued and as strongest advocate of the extraterrestrial visitation hypothesis, I was ribbed ruthlessly. This would not happen today. Back in 1980, very few Israelis had seen UFOs. The only major sightings were in Haifa in the early Fifties. Since then, Israel was mostly ignored by otherworldly civilizations.

Despite the irritating kidding I was receiving, I began a little investigation. I was serving at a large air force base and pilots would occasionally lecture us on tactics for aiming and shooting our missiles. Once the lecture ended, I approached the pilots and asked them if they had ever chased UFOs.

Because I was a fellow soldier, the pilots let down their guard. Two admitted that they had chased craft of unexplainable origin. One was glowing blue and the pilot chased it over Haifa until it tired of the pursuit and sped off over the Mediterranean at a speed the pilot's state-of-the-art Phantom could never hope to achieve. The other chase was over Jerusalem. The object was twice as large as a Phantom, red and, *"disappeared before my eyes."*

I am told that I was privileged to squeeze any information out of Israeli Air Force pilots. The person who told me so was Julie, a reporter for the official Air Force magazine, distributed to personnel throughout the

country's air bases. We crossed paths in January, 1994. She was doing a story about the UFO wave for the magazine and we were interviewing the same people. She told me outright that there is a special unit within the Air Force investigating UFO incidents but as far as anyone was concerned, it was non-existent. The Air Force would not help one of its own journalists get near the unit or its files. And pilots were ordered not to answer her questions.

There is, however, a former Air Force radar operator, who lives near Kadima and was briefly referred to before, who has been telling ufologists a few interesting things:

> **"The operators often get strange blips on their screens such as objects flying at impossible speeds which shouldn't be there or objects making gravity-defying turns. These are reported and planes scrambled to chase them. I was personally responsible for two reports that led to chases. I saw the pictures the pilots took. They were of cigar shaped craft.**
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> **"The Air Force feels these craft are intruders and a small part to avoid panic, an unlikely scenario in Israel and in large part, because there is no answer to them if they turn hostile."**

Because the Air Force had effectively covered up UFO encounters and because there were so few sightings

until the late 1980s, almost all Israelis viewed UFOs as pure science fiction.

Then in 1988, two UFO incidents were well-filmed and documentary evidence was presented to the public. On the 26th of February, 1988, Rosetta Kalphon was having a gathering at her apartment in Haifa on Israel's northern Mediterranean coast to discuss a UFO she had seen the week before. Included among her guests was a professional photographer from Ashdod, Rafi Malka, who had brought his video-camera with him.

As the evening drew to a close, everyone stood on Rosetta's balcony and watched a spectacular UFO, while for seven minutes, it was filmed professionally. Shortly after, journalists were invited to Rosetta's apartment to view the film. Though I missed the occasion, I saw a frame of the film that was reproduced in a local paper called Kol Bo Haifa. The shot is outstanding, far clearer than Doron Rotem's blowup of Eli Cohen's videotape. The UFO is somewhat umbrella-shaped and on the side shown in the shot were eight smallish orange lights and in the middle of them, a white light twice their size.

I found the picture in Avi Grief's files while interviewing him in Haifa and hoped to see the original film while I was in the city. I managed to get Rosetta on the phone in the early evening. She graciously agreed to give me the right to utilize the film.

On the 26th of June, 1988, the Israeli papers carried the account of Yossi Ayalon. Two nights before, at 1:30 A.M., he stood on his balcony in Herzlia, ten miles north of Tel Aviv and saw a point of light appear on the horizon out of nowhere:

> **"I called my wife out but the light had disappeared by then. Suddenly it reappeared as big and bright as the sun at dawn. I knew I was seeing something I'd never witnessed before so I ran inside for my video camera and started filming."**

Yossi did not call the police but rather, sent the film to Israel Television for public scrutiny. He, however, refused to appear on television, explaining, "I never believed in UFO stories and I don't want to become a joke. But I just can't ignore what I filmed and saw."

Nor could many viewers. Yossi's UFO is clearly round and like many of the Israeli UFOs, emits a bright orange light. The roundness is broken by a dark colored square from the rim to the middle, taking up about 20% of the ship's size.

Although there are a number of UFO contactees in Israel, I vowed not to include their stories unless they were backed with physical evidence or corroborated by disinterested witnesses. Thus, with great dismay, I sat down to interview a UFO witness in Ramat Gan, a

suburb of Tel Aviv, only to discover that he was a follower of an Indian mystic and made contact by putting himself in a trance. I politely turned down the offer of a sitting to meet the aliens via his mind.

Doron Rotem directed me to someone with,"quite a story." On the phone he told me he would not grant an interview until he had received permission from "them." As fascinating as his experience must be, I decided it would be out of context with my direction of reporting. I chose to concentrate on the physical to the almost complete neglect of the metaphysical. One of the most remarkable of the physical stories involved a chase right out of the movies.

Just before 3 A.M. on the morning of December 6,1991, Yossi Ben Maos was driving in a taxi outside the city of Bet Shean, in the Jezreel Valley approximately halfway between Haifa and Tiberius. It was then that he noticed a strange flying vehicle emitting, "a pleasing light," pacing the taxi 150 meters below and opposite it. attack. He and the driver decided to follow the glider to its destination and then call for the police. The craft stopped and hovered above the industrial zone of Bet Shean and there Yossi found a phone to make his report.

A squad car quickly arrived, the policeman took a look at the large object dangling in the air and

immediately called his superior, Chief Inspector Yitzhak Mordechai at home, woke him up and implored him to rush over. Mordechai told the policeman he was on his way and ordered him to call the Army, Air Force, border guards and to alert the local kibbutzim.

By the time Mordechai arrived, the industrial zone was filled with armed men. The UFO began moving slowly toward the Jordanian border trailing a convoy of jeeps and police cars beneath it. The craft reached the border and turned back toward Israel. After a half an hour of this eerie chase, the UFO settled in one spot, 150 meters in the air above Kibbutz Maoz Chaim. Beneath it were about three hundred armed men, knowing this was no earthly object. Reports were that one soldier shot at the object though Mordechai later told me, one was about to and he stopped him.

At sunrise, an hour later, it rose into the sky and disappeared. Yossi Ben Maos and the unnamed cabbie, had witnessed the UFO for over three hours, while hundreds of cops, soldiers and kibbutzniks stood under it for almost two and a half hours.

Yoram Torbatian says, "A lot of information about the Bet Shean attack is being covered up. The morning after the encounter, Mordechai was telling the media what happened. Later in the day, he was told to watch himself.

If Mordechai was open and honest, it was for the public good. The UFO was witnessed by hundreds of Israelis and dozens had called radio stations demanding to know if a war had started, if there was a terrorist attack or just why they saw what they saw. Mordechai gave a now famous radio interview, assuring the public that he had chased a UFO. "It wasn't a plane, it wasn't a helicopter or a meteor. It was a UFO." It is not known if his blunt report actually comforted the public but it certainly was blatant official confirmation of UFOs over Israel.

Reading Mordecchai's press quotes of that day is illuminating. In the morning, he told reporters:

"After Yossi Ben Maos called the police, a squad car arrived and the policemen identified a mysterious glowing object moving eastward. At this point I had a car sent to me and began chasing the object until it stopped above Kibbutz Maoz Chaim.We stayed with it until almost six o'clock. When the run rose, it left.

"The object was glowing and bright, it flew 200 metres above the ground and stood out clearly in the background of stars. It tipped from side to side until it balanced itself and then stayed in the same position, circling on its axis from left to right until it became steady. Then it stopped and hung in the sky. I don't believe it had hostile intents.. The craft seemed very curious about us. To tell the truth, I don't know what

is was but I saw what I saw and not for an instant but for two and a half long hours."

The official description of the night's events were reported in the Bet Shean police reports as, "A UFO incident."

Later in the day, Mordechai sat for an interview with Gabi Nitzan,a reporter for the daily, Chadashot. Already he was under scrutiny as Nitzan reports:

During the interview, Mordechai, under strict supervision from the spokeswoman of Israel Police's central headquarters, who 'just happened to be with us, completely by accident,' tried to obscure the incident. Before the spokeswoman could warn him about correct talk, Mordechai admitted being deeply affected by the event.

Keeping in mind that Mordechai was under close scrutiny, his testimony is all the more important.

"A lot of policemen arrived, squad cars, patrol cars, security people from the kibbutzim, border guards, and Army jeeps. It was a powerful experience, the first time I've had to deal with anything like it. And make no mistake about it, a lot of men shared my experience. There's no doubt about what happened."

Nitzan got down to the question of who shot at the

UFO, probably the main reason why the police spokeswoman was in the room. Mordechai gave no answer, so Nitzan asked, "Maybe it was the UFO that shot?" Mordechai answered as if there was no sarcasm in the question, "It never moved. Most of the time it just hung in the air above Kibbutz Maoz Chaim."

Spokeswoman beside him or not, the police chief of Bet Shean described a large military operation and the use of armed force against the UFO. Israel's weapons seem to have had no effect on the UFOs whatsoever.

Barely a month later on Jan.14, 1992 a couple from the southern city of Beersheva, Liza and Babar Alon, released a videotape of a UFO they had filmed two weeks earlier. The film clearly shows a glowing disc, dark in the middle, with a light circle following the rim, hanging above the skies of the Negev Desert. What distinguished the film was its length. The couple had managed to film the craft for a full forty-five minutes.

At 10 P.M. on January 24, 1992, Israel was treated to the greatest UFO display of all. Israeli ufologists call this UFO, "the mother ship." It traversed the country for two hours, beginning in the Haifa region, making appearances all along the densely populated coast, flying over Beersheva and the Negev before disappearing over Jordan. Thousands of people witnessed the craft.

What choice did they have? Reports put its length at that of two jumbo jets. Circling it were smaller craft that occasionally joined it, then were ejected into different flight patterns.

The best way to approach this incident is to quote some of the many reports printed in Israel's newspapers. Ephi Sarid, photographer for Yediot Ahronot who spotted the craft outside the Galilee city of Tsfat: "I saw a huge light and circling it were smaller lights. The length of the object wasn't clear but I estimated its width at 30 meters. It moved at high speed about 2 kilometers up. It was noiseless and lit up the whole sky."

Liran Shor, 16, from Haifa: "It flew low above the houses. It made no noise and that caught my attention. It was ellipsoid-shaped and huge, the length of two jumbo jets. The light was like burning embers and it left an orange trail behind it. It lit up the whole street."

David Butrashvili, 32, highschool physics and astronomy teacher: "It was ellipsoid-shaped, the length of two jumbo jets and traveled between 50 and 80 kilometers an hour."

Aran Mishelli, 13, Haifa: "It left a red, glowing trail behind it inside of which there were two rockets spitting

fire. Afterward, the big body split into three parts, two small, one big. They were white and left a red trail."

Pini Shechter, 17, Tiberius: "A small white ball flew ahead of the big ship and was connected to it by a white strip of light. The big ship left a fiery trail. The craft was about 35 meters in length and nine in height. Its color was white or red."

Tal Moran, 27, Haifa: "It was a huge ball of fiery light. Circling it were smaller balls and it left a trail of light. It was as big as several buildings and its predominant colors were red and white."

Rina Green, 42, Karmiel: "The craft was enormous. It flew at an altitude of a kilometer to a kilometer and a half and passed right over us. It's length was 200 meters and left a gigantic, fiery trail behind it."

Danny Kushner, 17, Rishon LeTzion: "I saw five lighted bodies flying in an arrow formation. Each left a white trail behind it."

Tel Aviv police patrolman: "I saw a huge, lit object falling from the skies over Tel Aviv. It split into three parts and disappeared."

Reserve soldier, stationed in the Negev Desert: "I saw seven huge red balls leaving trails behind them. They flew in formation with one leading them. The white vapor trails lit up the whole desert."

Menachem Shizef, Kiryat Shmoneh (Galilee region); "I saw a huge object made up of shiny points of light. It seemed like an enormous submarine constructed of sparkling lights."

The testimony, while often contradictory, agrees on a number of points. The UFO was enormous and left a bright trail behind it. Israeli ufologists call it the mother ship because of the reports of smaller craft circling, joining, separating from or following it. The ship took its time investigating Israel. It was reported as ten to twenty times larger than any other previous Israeli sighting. Yet the Israeli Air Force reported that it had not appeared on any of its radar screens. However, the same military minds could not deny the observations of thousands of people.

UFOs had been inspecting Israel for the past three years and now the mother of all UFOs made her appearance without shame. What was the mission and was there a message? Haifa auto mechanic, Amiel Achrai, thinks there is both.

Four

Signs On A Beach

Flying Saucer Over Haifa

Yesterday, a flying saucer was seen over the skies of Haifa. It flew high above Mount Carmel. Witnesses described the saucer seeing two ellipsoid objects. The mysterious objects were seen by a group of students and their teachers in Acco. The youths followed the saucers by foot for two minutes. One colonel claimed the objects flew in a flexible double-formation, one after another and then horizontally. This is the second appearance of flying saucers over the country. The first was also over Haifa.

Given the complexity of other accounts, this is hardly an exciting item. Except that it was the headline story of the national daily newspaper, *Maariv*, on Dec.25,1952.

The two Haifa sightings were Israel's first and only flap until 1987. Then, as before, the location of a grand wave of sightings was Haifa. The Haifa sightings were

followed in the next six years by the fabulous experiences in Bet Shean, Tiberius, Kadima, Burgata and Kfar Fardis. The majority of incidents were within a five hundred square mile triangle of northern Israel with Haifa, Tiberius and Kadima its points.

Pragamatic Israeli ufologists are stumped by the concentration of encounters within such a specific area and have tried to work out the attraction. One possibility is based on reports that Israel's nuclear arsenal is, in part, stored at a large air base near Bet Shean. The problem with the theory is that the same reports claim that much of the nuclear storage is in the south of the country at Tel Nof Air Base and under the grounds of the Dimona nuclear reactor.

Another possible attraction is the thick radar cover of northern Israel and the resulting concentration of signals. But that doesn't begin to explain the visitations at Kadima and Burgata.

In short, the pragmatists don't have the answer while the mystics claim they do. The leading UFO mystics in the country are Ami Achrai and the legendary Hadassah Arbel. The pragmatists view both as an embarrassment.

Arbel is described over and over as a pioneer of Israeli ufology and those who followed in her footsteps are deeply grateful for her initial contribution. What they

don't like is her reaction to her decade of UFO research. Hadassah Arbel has become a very religious Jewess who believes the current UFO wave is being led by the very

God and his angels of ancient Israel. Her most famous protégée, Ami Achrai, believes he was chosen by a UFO to be a prophet in modern Israel.

Doron Rotem calls Achrai a fraud, saying he had a convincing encounter but drew all the wrong conclusions from it. Other ufologists pooh-pooh Arbel and Achrai but, in fact, they are not easy to write off. And they are not the only mystics that can't be ignored.

Internationally famous Israeli psychics and healers such as Uri Geller and Zeev Kullman claim that they gained their powers after UFO encounters. Both men's unique gifts have been demonstrated for too long for them to be called simple charlatans.

The same holds true for Arbel and Achrai. Arbel has gathered more data on local Encounters before 1990 than anyone in the country. Achrai was the sole witness of the most legendary of all Israeli UFO incidents. While, the author of this book chose not to document mystical contacts, the opinions of Arbel and Achrai do not fall precisely into that category.

The first sighting of the most recent Haifa wave was

at 7:25, September 23,1987. The witnesses were Yaacov Buzhinski and Israel Gal who viewed the object two miles away from each other. They saw a soundless disc-shaped object the size of a 747 flying over the suburb of Neve Yaacov. The next night, the object returned, this time flying only 400 meters above the ground. It was a saucer-shaped craft, gold and brown in color. Buzhinski saw it dive toward a building and just a few feet before it was set to crash, it turned sharply up.

The encounter was so dramatic that Buzhinski contacted the police, thus alerting local reporters. Initially, he was the object of ridicule but over the next few weeks, there were at least, eight publicized encounters by credible people. But no incident gained such worldwide exposure as that of Ami Achrai.

At 10:25 P.M., September 28, 1987 an auto mechanic named Amiel (Ami) Achrai was driving on the coastal road of Israel. On the southern outskirts of Haifa, at a place known as Elijah's Cave, Ami noticed what he thought was a helicopter about to crash about a hundred feet to his left on the sands of Shikmona Beach.

He stopped his car in the middle of the road and got out. Now he had a chance to stare at his 'helicopter.' It was some 25 feet in diameter, disc-shaped with a craft sparkled as it flew and emitted occasional flashes. Beneath the object was a round red light. The craft made

a loud noise like a compressed-air pump and it kicked up a windstorm that Achrai described as a 'typhoon.'

Ami stared at the craft for fifteen seconds until it dropped a load of 'charcoals,' then disappeared. He looked around him for fellow witnesses and noticed the normally busy highway was empty. He decided to run to a nearby service station to seek human contact. After just a few steps, the object reappeared somewhat to the north. This time it fell to only 20 meters above the beach and an impressive red beam or flash descended from the craft to the sands below. In a few seconds, the ship flew west over the Mediterranean and became a small orange point of light until it disappeared for good.

That was Ami Achrai's encounter and it lasted less than a minute. What followed would change his life and turn Shikmona Beach into a such a shrine that Shirley Maclain made a pilgrimage to the spot.

Ami returned home and for the next two days couldn't sleep. He called the police to report the sighting but they ignored him and suggested he contact Hadassah Arbel. She took his evidence over the phone and turned down a personal meeting. For the two days following, Ami suffered from devastating headaches in the temples, chills and weakness. Though he hated apples, he ate fifteen at a time to relieve the headaches.

For some reason, the system worked. His eyes itched terribly and he couldn't watch television without crying. His lips dried up and no amount of liquid intake cured the condition. In short, his physiology was altered by the experience with the UFO. At the end of Yom Kippur, five days after the encounter, he made a decision to revisit Shikmona Beach.

The next day he began to explore the area. He located the spot where the UFO had dropped the 'charcoals' and found the area strangely burnt. For instance, plastic bottles were melted flat, in nearly perfect circles and only their rims were charred. He saw a strange red rock and picked it up. It changed color immediately to white and then fell apart in his hands, becoming finally, a white powder with the consistency of flour.

He reported his findings to Arbel and the next day at 3:00, they went exploring Shikmona Beach together. Arbel was overwhelmed by the site and spent time gathering evidence and putting it in bags. They were about the depart when according to Ami, " A voice told me, 'you're not finished yet.' I walked, as if guided, north and then found the imprint of the ship."

What Arbel and Achrai discovered was one of the most enduring proofs of UFO existence ever reported. Standing on a dune overlooking a patch of thorny weeds,

Achrai saw a sideview of his UFO burned into the sand.

He called Arbel over and she was astounded. An imprint of a fifteen meter long UFO was scorched into the sand. The overall shape was like a slightly angled boomerang, corresponding with Achrai's original report that the side-view of the UFO he witnessed was banana-shaped. Its size, ten meters by four, also corresponded with Achrai's original estimate.

As if this sight wasn't exhilarating enough, Achrai spotted the pilot of the UFO. Although most of the weeds were destroyed in the flash, some were still growing in eight patches. They formed distinct patterns. There were five circles of about a foot's diameter. Four were found in concentric dips underneath the imprint lined up in twos, while one was in the center on top. On the right side of the imprint near the tip were three images. Farthest left was spade shape, near the tip, two rectangles stood upright and in the middle was the seated astronaut, facing the rectangles.

Arbel and Achrai descended to the beach and started initial experiments. First the ufonaut was measured. He would have stood three and a half feet tall, in line with

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reports worldwide of a common race of aliens. Arbel threw sand in one of the holes and was amazed to witness the sand being pushed back out by some invisible force.

Later, other investigators would fill the holes with sand and only to find the holes in their original form within hours. She filled some nylon bags with the scorched sand and went to work reporting her find.

She notified the police and this time, they investigated. Shortly after the astounded policeman handed in their preliminary report, Arbel was ordered by the station commander to keep mum about the incident. She refused and notified the press and a scientist from the Technion Institute, Israel's version of MIT, located in Haifa.

He took measurements of the scorched sand and found its level of magnetism to be 6,000 times higher than the surrounding ground. He made a report to Arbel which is still considered one of the strongest arguments for a UFO encounter of a very strange kind at Shikmona Beach. Stronger yet was the visible fact of the imprint. Even the greatest skeptics of Israel's academic community quoted in the media, could not plausibly explain how the sand was burned to the texture of finely ground charcoal nor why anyone would do it. The

ufologist's explanation was that the sand was charred with micro-waves. (Later testing by the TV program *Sightings* proved this to be wrong.).

Arbel's initial conclusion was that the craft had trouble with its magnetic system and either accidentally took a magnetic picture of itself or deliberately did so to build up power.

Within a day of the discovery, journalists visited the site, some of whom reported chapped lips after. Within two days, Shikmona had become a tourist attraction drawing thousands of people and even an ice-cream truck to refresh the curious. None of the subsequent encounters was ever the national news story that Shikmona became. Overnight, Ami Achrai become a media star.

But life was not easy for the new celebrity. He was undergoing terrifying changes. When he slept, he felt electric charges throughout his body. Two black spots grew under his lower eye-lashes. The strangest physical reaction was a small hard ball that grew on his chest. Ami cut the ball off and, "I gave it to my father. He put it on the floor of his balcony and we, my father, wife, kids, watched it start bouncing on its own."

Then one evening Ami was enjoying a slice of

watermelon when his spoon started wagging from side to side. In time he would bend knives at will, a la Uri Geller.

Most confusing of all was the appearance of letters and shapes before his eyes at most inopportune times, like when he was driving or working. By now Achrai thought he was going insane and he sought answers.

The newspapers reported his hallucinations and printed his sketches of what he was seeing. Strangers recognized the letters and shapes. Some of the letters were of Sinai script, the earliest form of written Hebrew, and the shapes resembled blood cells. "I wasn't an educated person," Achrai admits ."I never read and I'm not proud of that. But I started reading books about medicine, biology and ancient script to get to the bottom of my visions."

Life was not simple for his wife, Aviva. She thought her husband went mad, until, as she explains, "We were driving along the coast and it happened to me. The whole windshield was covered with letters and shapes. I told Ami to stop the car. I got out and the sky was full of them. I couldn't get rid of them."

Next to be afflicted with visions of letters was his father. Then his daughter started drawing them at nursery school. Achrai came to the conclusion that he was

emitting some kind of message in images to his family.

Ami turned religious, not fanatically but faithfully. He came to the conclusion after much consideration that he was a prophet, a modern day Ezekiel with a mission. He was to heal the sick and bring morality to the world. To this end he began conducting healing sessions and people reported miracles. Today he conducts four groups a week in front of hundreds of people who claim to see letters and symbols emitted from Ami's face. A long list of people claim to have been relieved or cured of sundry ailments by Ami's power.

Arbel was changing too. In 1988, I called her hoping to sell the Shikmona story. Even then, her explanation for the encounter was religious. Overlooking Shikmona Beach is Elijah's Cave. On that spot Elijah is traditionally believed to have challenged the baal worshipers to a duel of the gods. Two bulls were slaughtered and Elijah dared the heathens' god to roast them. After baal failed, Elijah's God sent a flash from the sky and presto, instant supper. Elijah, of course, was later carried to his final destination in a whirlwind.

None of this was lost on Arbel who told me, "The spot where Ami saw the UFO was known to the crew. Their people had been there 2,500 years before and they were back again."

After the famous sighting in the Jezreel Valley, Arbel correctly noted that the UFO hovered minutes from Har Meggido, known in English as Armageddon and connected that incident to the war between Gog and Magog. Her conviction is that the wave of encounters will end in Jerusalem.

Ami Achrai is a very sincere, likeable gentleman. He told his story for the umpteenth time with great enthusiasm and I appreciated the time he spent helping me get my facts correct. With him were two workers from his garage, there to install electric wiring in his newly refitted kitchen. Joining him later was a beautiful middle-aged woman from Nahariya, thirty miles north, who purportedly arrived to see the kitchen.

The workers confirmed what the press had been reporting; UFOs were overflying Ami's garage with some frequency and fellow workers had seen them. The pretty visitor confirmed that she saw forms emitted from Ami's face and was a committed follower of his.

His philosophy is simple; if mankind does not learn to love and respect each other, we're all doomed. And he knows when the day of destruction will arrive but has been ordered not to reveal it.

Ami can turn on his power or switch into "neutral". He used the terminology of a mechanic to describe many

of his experiences. He agreed to treat me to a display.

I admit, I was tired. It was the end of a long day of interviews and driving. But I did allow myself to stare at his temples until my mind was relaxed and I did feel a drug-like stupor and thought I saw a UFO on his right temple. But I gave no sign of being anything other than the skeptical reporter.

As a parting gift, he gave me a small bag of charred Shikmona Beach UFO sand. I rubbed it on my hands and I thought I felt an electrical charge. What confused me more was that this was sand, yet it stuck to the skin and couldn't be removed without considerable effort. The next morning, a film of the material still covered the skin and my hands were puckered. Nonetheless, I had not fallen under Ami's spell.

Still, Ami's sighting on Shikmona Beach wasn't the last. The events there continued to astound. On June 6,1988, the story of a Haifa teenager, Naveh Navi appeared in Israel's papers. Two and a half weeks earlier she saw a large UFO hover over the Mediterranean. She rushed to the closest police station and reported her sighting. The policemen ignored her. Like Ami Achrai she felt driven to search for clues. And like Ami Achrai she found the answer on Shikmona Beach. One hundred yards from Ami's famous imprint was one of her own.

Naveh's UFO was scorched into the sand. It was fifteen meters long and six meters high. The bottom half was shaped like the previous imprint but this time a cone shaped roof was clearly visible. The number of holes was reduced from five to three. The large one rested in the middle of the imprint and two smaller holes were located on either side under it.

Naveh turned to Hadassah Arbel to investigate and two weeks later, Arbel released news of the landing to the media. It did not have nearly the impact of the first Shikmona Beach encounter. Nor did Naveh report the same drastic bodily changes as Achrai had experienced.

At about the same time. Arbel made an exploratory trip to Elijah's Cave, just above the two UFOs embossed into the sand and made a remarkable discovery. Imprinted into the wall of the cave was a drawing of the UFO shape recently left on the beach below. The re-emblance of the 2,400 year old drawing with the recent imprints was more than uncanny, it was spooky.

Even spookier was the next incident at Shikmona Beach. At 2:30 AM on a warm Saturday morning in late April,1989 ,two teenagers, Ida Biderman and Alon Eilat, searched for a quiet nook on deserted Shikmona Beach, it is assumed, to make love.

Suddenly, a huge glowing object, which they

described as, "a pillar of fire," fell noiselessly on the sands near them. They saw the object falling for six seconds and guessed its length to be twenty meters and its width, six meters. The object burst into flames that reached fifteen meters into the sky.

The couple ran to the crash site but were turned back ten meters away by the heat emitted. The flames died down ten minutes later and what remained of the wreckage were elliptical shaped shards of an unidentifiable material which continued to burn. The couple tried to extinguish one shard by throwing sand on it but this caused flames to shoot up and increased the material's apparent flamability.

A short time later a police squad car arrived, transporting Hadassah Arbel to the site. She reported that, "The shards were still burning and when we threw rocks at them, they transformed into a flour-like material. Many of the shards fell into the water and though they were glowing, they weren't hot.

The next day, ten hours after the crash, the private UFO investigators, including Avi Grief, arrived. Though the shards had been immersed in the Mediterranean for almost half a day, their internal fires flared on. Grief photographed the fiery material and the pictures as seen today, are lasting testimony to a UFO crash on Shikmona Beach.

The shards were examined by Professor Shavit of the Technion and found to be magnesium. In 1957, a UFO crashed just offshore from a crowded Brazilian beach leaving hundreds of glowing shards in the water. They were tested and found to be 100% pure magnesium, which could not be produced on Earth with the technology of the time. This was the earliest identification of UFO material and the incident is viewed as a classic of ufology.

On two occasions within nine months, UFOs left their marks, literally, on Shikmonah Beach. On the third occasion, ten months later, either the craft crashed or another spectacular message was left. Now the obvious question, why did the UFOs return three times to Shikmona Beach? The question is as confusing as why the UFOs landed three times in the field behind Tsiporet Carmel's house.

The practical Israeli ufologists are stumped. Another group think they know the answer; the giants have returned.

Five

The Giants Return

In early December 1994, I sent a summary of the UFO landings and giant encounters between April-July 1993 to the television show *Sightings*. By January, a *Sightings* crew was in place to record the incidents. As if the visitors knew about my plans, they returned after a long hiatus, just in time for *Sightings* to film some of the most convincing evidence of giants ever recorded. In late December, Yossi Torner photographed a huge, round, orange UFO hovering over Haifa, which was reproduced in the large circulation newspaper, *Yediot Ahronot*. I called him to try and receive the original print and he informed me, "Yediot returned my whole roll of film but said they lost the negative of the UFO. I think they're lying and it was confiscated from me."

On December 22, 1994, Israel had an incident that must be included amongst the most powerful encounters of any nation. Herzl Casatini, the security chief of the village of Yatzitz, ten miles east of Rishon Letzion,

heard an explosion which shook his friend Danny Ezra's house.

He opened the front door to investigate and was confronted with, "a giant, three meters tall, wearing grey foil-looking clothes. His face was hidden from view by an electronic-looking mist." Terrified, he slammed the door and told Ezra to look through his curtains. He took one glance and fainted. Herzl called the police, who were reluctant to believe him but nonetheless, arrived within twenty minutes. They found deep, mysterious tracks outside Ezra's house. Thinking that terrorists had infiltrated the village, dozens of army trackers and snipers were called in. The found 8.5 kilometers of totally unexplainable tracks. The tracks were made by shoes which dug 35 cm. into the hard soil at the sole, and between 5 and 10 at the heel. Later testing of the ground by the police suggested that the creature had to have weighed over a ton to make such deep tracks.

The tracks were made in twos but occasionally, a third round mark appeared between them. I guessed this was a walking stick of some kind. Sometimes the tracks were like a human gait, then there would be a twelve foot gap before the tracks began again. At times, the creature which made them, must have jumped or floated enormous distances. The tracks led army trackers to the village of Karmei Yosef, which had been the center of

UFO activity the year before. There, unidentified red lights hovered above the village and one villager claimed the lights sent a blue beam at her through her bedroom window.

The trackers could make no guess at who or what made the prints in the ground, so the police called in the head of the regional office of the Nature Reserves Authority, who originally disclosed that the tracks were made by a camel. When it was revealed that the camel would have had to have been two-legged and wearing boots, he next guessed an antelope made the tracks. A flying antelope, it was noted. Finally, he admitted to Yediot Ahronot, "The tracks may well have been made by giants from outer space." I traveled to Yatzitz four days later and was joined by several dozen curiosity seekers. More than 10,000 Israelis would eventually arrive to see the giant tracks. I met Danny Ezra first and can only say, he seemed in a daze still. He was not forthcoming about his experience.

Herzl Casantini agreed to be filmed by *Sightings* and two young boys who had overheard the conversation told me they had something interesting to tell as well. The night after the incident, they had filmed a UFO over the village. The boys, Coby (13) and Itamar (11) Saadon filmed a white object, shaped like a child's spinning top darting like a moth in the sky. In the background, the

family dog was barking wildly and the boys' mother told me, "You should see what's around his doghouse." We walked outside and saw a burnt circle six feet in diameter around the dog's pen. A foam cushion within was melted by the heat yet there were no charcoals or anything hinting at fuel to be seen. "The dog has been terrified ever since," Coby explained.

Next to make headlines was the Gueta animal mutilations of Moshav Porat, two miles from Kadima. Rachel Gueta awoke and found her dog whining. Its eyes had been removed bloodlessly. Twenty minutes later it died. She proceeded to the sheep pen and saw all three sheep dead. Their cheeks had been shaved and a 2 cm hole drilled through the bone. All blood had been drained and the animals would not rot, even five months after being thrown in the local dump. Next she went to her chicken coop and found all 35 birds frozen dead in their roosts. There had been no panic among them at the time of death. Outside the coop was a 4.5 meter crop circle, typical of the Kadima wave of 1993. I phoned my producer at *Sightings* and told her the stories. She told me later she didn't believe me and there were discussions about canceling the filming because of my unreliability. My faxing her newspaper reports of the one ton Yatzitz giant saved the project. And to this day, I think the aliens decided to help me out. After the *Sightings* crew began its filming, those otherworld forces provided us with almost live action.

On January 14, we visited Hannah Somech in Burgata. We were preceded by two days by a far more dramatic visitor. Hannah's daughter "felt" the presence of a giant watching over her bed and she ran the 100 yards from her house to her mother's where, "I held my mother's hands all night." The next morning they saw the circles from Hannah's house to her daughter's bedroom window. And so did we, two days later. I counted 18 circles big and small in the dark. Undoubtedly I missed some. There were counter-clockwise circles on the grass, in bushes and on high treetops. To cause a fraud, the trickster would have had to have hovered over twenty-foot trees with a counter-rotating giant fan. The *Sightings* crew, incidentally, all skeptics about UFOs, grasped quickly enough that something as unexplainable as Yatzitz had occurred in Burgata.

Hannah related her encounter of June 1993 when she told a giant off for making her dog fly in the air and hurting it. (see Chapter Three). She told the interviewer that there was another incident when she had seen a craft floating outside her door. She related being called to 'in her head' by name at different times. But perhaps most significant of all, she admitted that 25 years before she had been pregnant and the fetus disappeared with no medical explanation. She provided the name of the doctor who attended her and offered to present written documentation.

She now believes the lost pregnancy was related to the current visitations. (Batya Shimon of Rishon Letzion became pregnant after her July '93 encounter with a dozen giants. "There is no way it could have happened naturally," she insisted. On January 15, the giants or whoever or whatever again decided to help the *Sightings* project. A UFO was spotted over Kadima and in the morning a monster 18 meter circle was found. When we arrived, it was literally still warm. We put our hands within and they were covered in the red oil found during the 1993 wave.

As usual silicon was discovered and it later tested 99.35% pure by the University of Manchester (England) Materials Science laboratory. All the evidence of 1993 was presented just when the film crew needed it most. And when the filming ended, so did the incidents at Kadima for many months.

Israeli ufologist Zvi Bighest photographed the filming at the circle and when he developed the film later that day, something emerged that seemed to defy logic. In the background of the circle are two beings seemingly watching the humans examine their landing mark. None of us remembered the objects being there. But Doron Rotem noted that tractors were in the area and might have been passing by. The photos were examined, enlarged and published in numerous magazines including

Fate, Magazin 2000 and *UFO Universe*. In each case, the editors ruled out any tractor shape and agreed that whatever they were, the two figures matched the bald, round-faced giants described by the witnesses. The giants had returned. And this time they chose to leave no doubt about their presence. They left miles of impossible boot tracks in hard mud, they swirled circles in tall trees, they produced a huge, hard-to-miss landing circle and they may have allowed themselves to be photographed.

Landing circle in Shosh Yahud's backyard - Kadima

Landing site behind Tsiporet Carmel's home showing streaks of oily material - Kadima

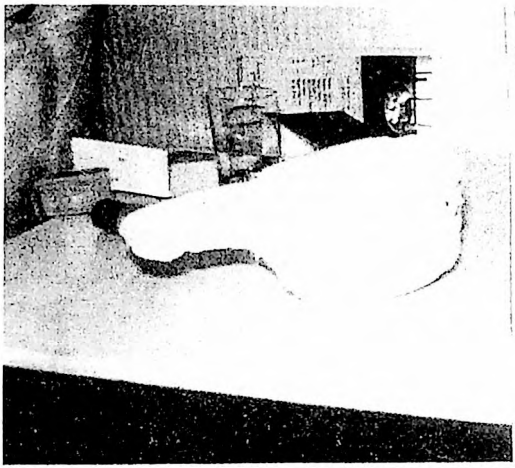
Imprint of UFO scorched into the sand at Skimona Beach

UFO over Haifa, 1996

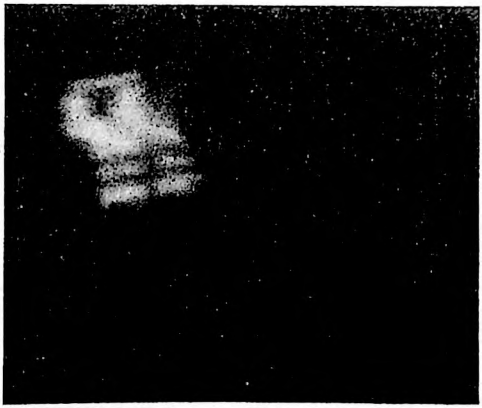
Sightings crew - Kadima - 1995

Giant tracks, Yatzitz 1995

Taken from overhead, this picture shows the "shoe" markings left by the giant alien beings. Because of the depth that they went into the ground, it is estimated that they were of considerable weight.



Plaster casts were made of the tracks left behind by the giant UFOnauts. Skeptics said the tracks were those of a camel. Those involved in those close encounters ridicule this idea



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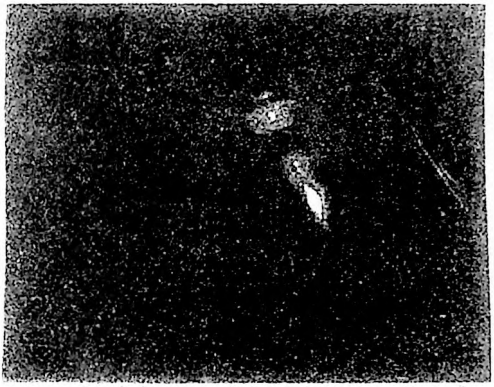

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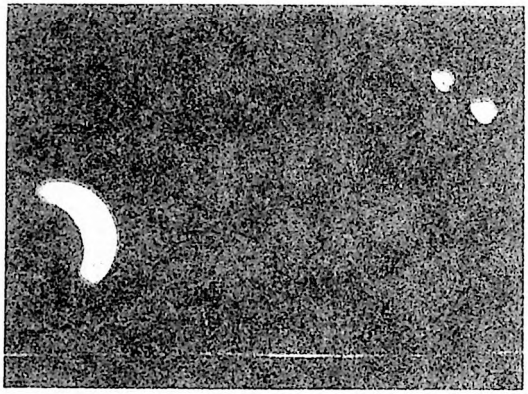

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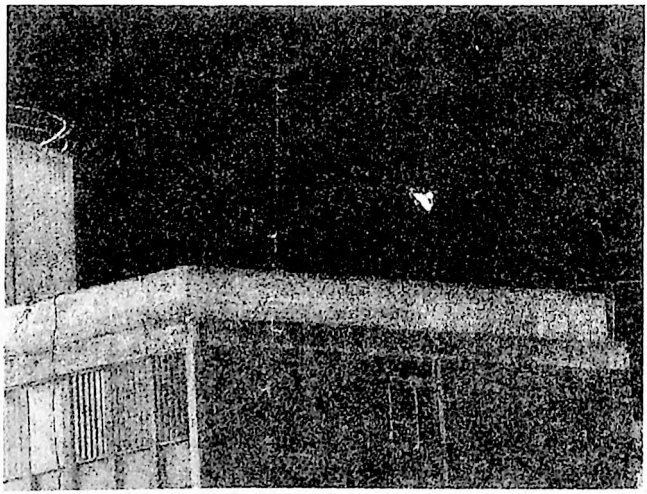

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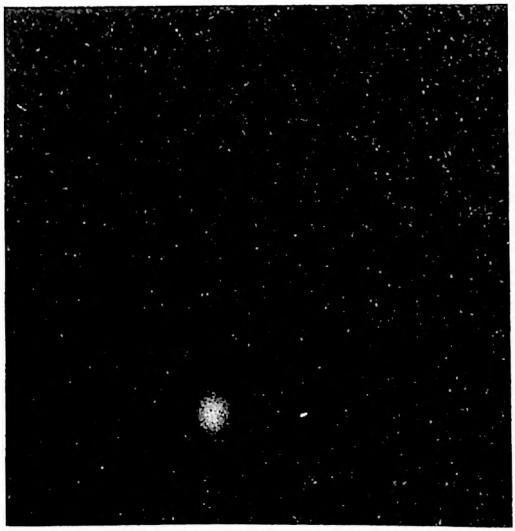

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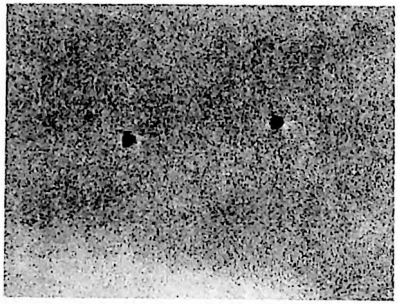

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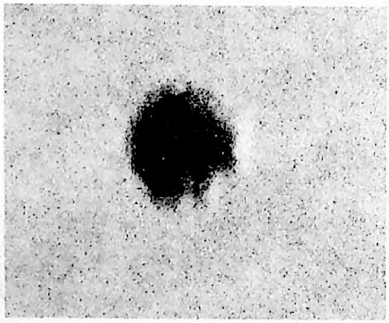

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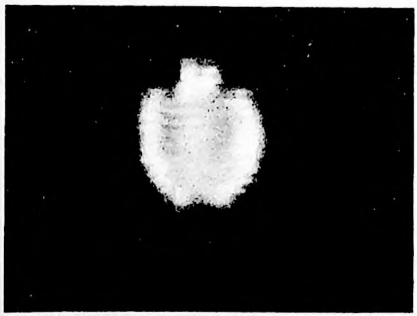

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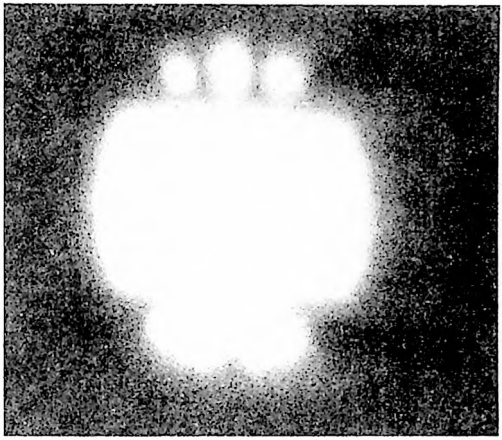

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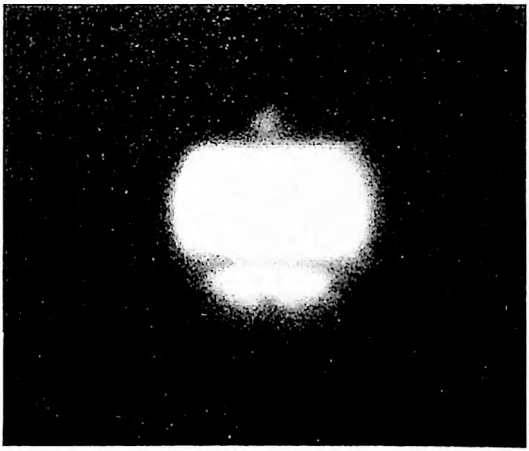

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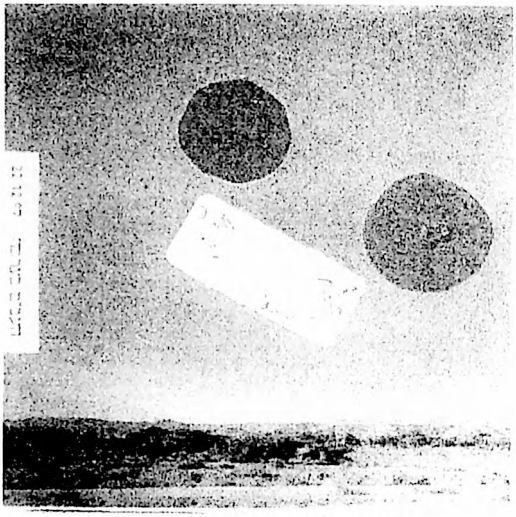

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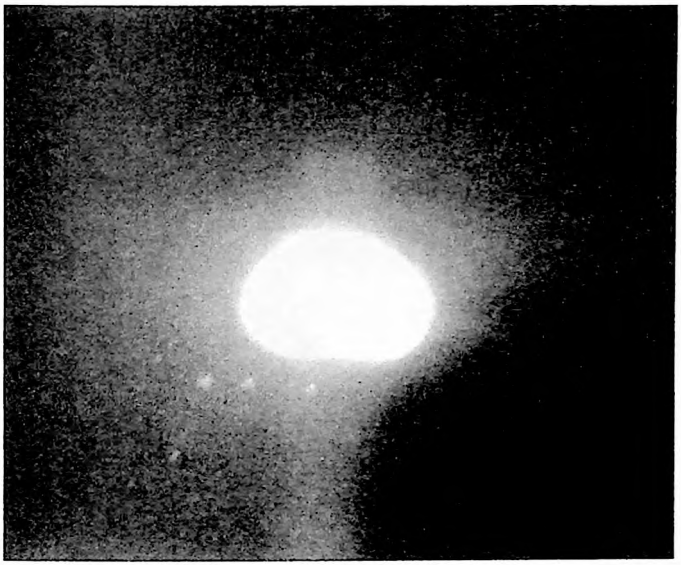

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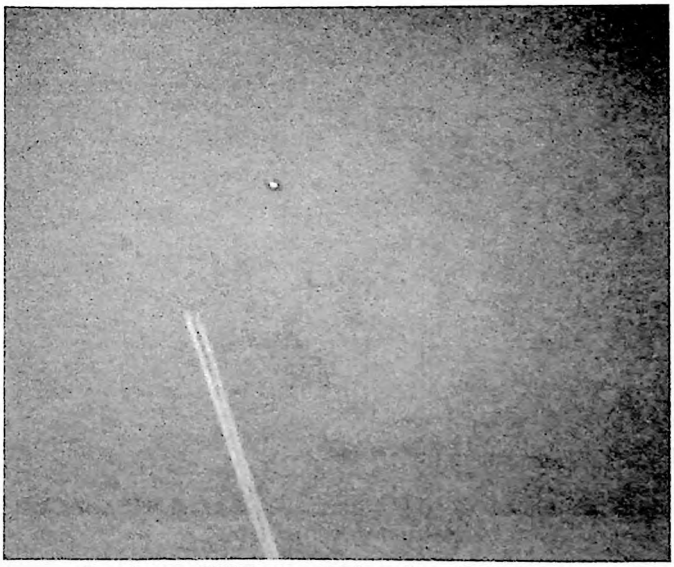
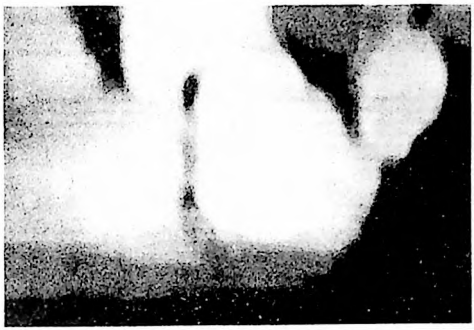


Jet chases UFO over Rishon Letzion, Nov. '96

Sun at midnight, Ramat Hachayal, Mar. '96

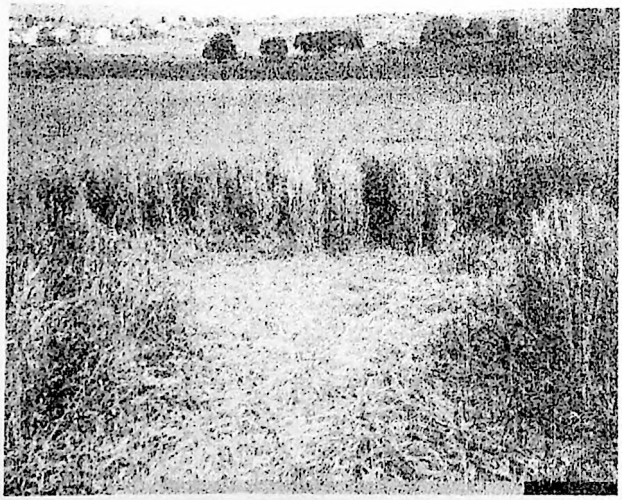
Alien emerges from 'sun'



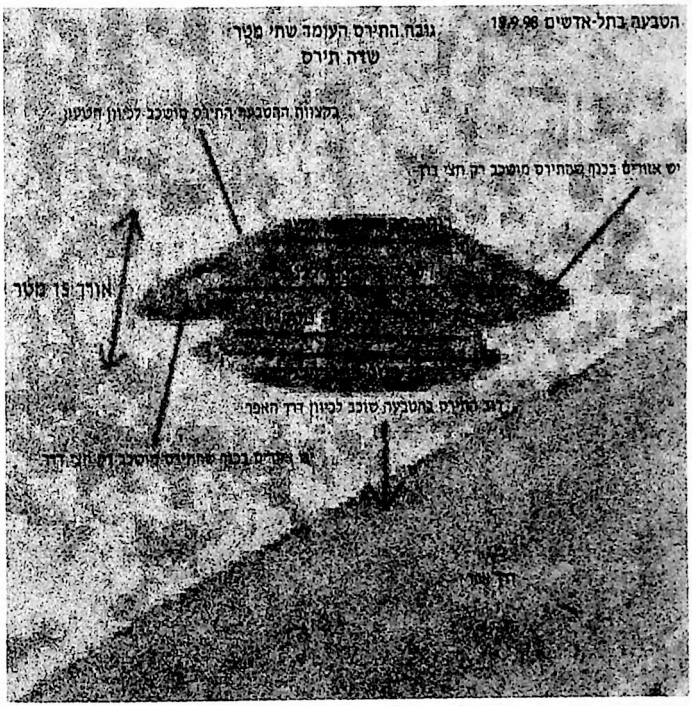
Closeup of Alien - note it's shadow

Enhanced shape of alien

Crop circle, Jezreel Valley - April 1998

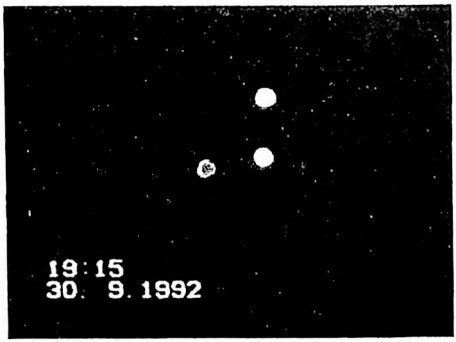


Crop formation, Bet Zarzir, Jezreel Valley, April '98

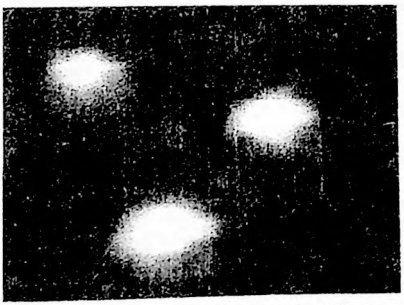


Shape of Tel Adashim formation

Avishai Granot's graphic of triangles over Rishon Letzion



Ehud Baraban's shots of Tel Aviv triangle, 1992



Triangular craft, Rishon Letzion - Oct. '98

Seven

The Long Hot Summer of '97

Beginning February, 1997 an unprecedented wave of UFO sightings began in Israel with videotaping of four unexplained craft over the Tel Aviv region. In the most dramatic tape, an object described as "a sun in the middle of the night" lit up the town of Ramat Hachayal at 3:00 A.M. on a March night. The most convincing proof of the veracity of the UFO cause for the strange events was a series of six photographs shot by a photographer for the newspaper *Maariv*, Yossi Aloni, in April over his own paper's building. His photos, which have since been published worldwide, reveal a classic disc shaped object.

After a very brief hiatus, Israel's warm spring of UFOs turned into a very hot summer of encounters. What follows is a selected compendium of reports from the Israeli press.

June 10: All the media report than an Air France jet

was forced to make an emergency landing at Ben Gurion Airport after being chased by a strange object. *Maariv* writes:

> **" `A flying object has been shot at us,' the crew of an Air France plane radioed to the air control center of Ben Gurion Airport yesterday at 6 P.M. while flying at 3000 ft. above the coast of Israel. The radio communication continued, `We're seeing a black object of about 50 cm. diameter flying only 30 meters above us.'**
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> **"Yechiel Amitai, spokesman for the Airport authority later said, `We did not have an emergency situation and we functioned according to rule.' Another authority executive added, `We know that there were no military launches at the time. So either we're talking about a weather balloon of a UFO.'"**

The newspaper *Haaretz* reported on a plane to tower conversation intercepted by the voice of Israel's communications monitor, Michael Gurdos. The captain complained, `A black ball-shaped projectile has been shot from the sea and is hovering thirty metres above us.'"

July 11: *Maariv*'s headline reads; Pisgat Zeev Residents Awaken And Find A Shining UFO In The Sky. The report reads:

> **"`Suddenly, I saw a strong light at a plane's altitude**

swinging from side to side, its intensity changing rapidly and I knew it had to be a UFO,' said Meir Malka, a resident of the Jerusalem suburb of Pisgat Zeev.

"Last night at 4 A.M., Jerusalem police was swamped with UFO reports from residents of the north of the city. A squad car in Pisgat Zeev arrived at the scene and reported seeing a shining aerial object. The police checked with the Air Force and discovered that there were no flights in the area.

"Meir Malka, owner of a neighbourhood candy store, relates that the police awoke him after they found his store had been robbed. When he arrived at the store, several minutes later, he saw the UFO. He relates,

`Several other people were there and we all saw the UFO. Some became very agitated. It flew above us until 6 AM and disappeared in a flash.'

"According to Malka, a spooky incident occurred the week before. At 4 A.M. he couldn't sleep but felt a strange warmth combined with shivers and he doze off. He felt he saw a UFO. `Maybe you think I'm a weirdo but when the police arrived I first asked them if they had seen a UFO. At that moment it appeared.'

"Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben Ruby confirmed that other area (One Pisgat Zeev resident filmed a craft that resembled a jellyfish and the tape was shown on the 5 PM news of Channel Two)."

July 20: The *Maariv* headline read: UFO Seen Over Lake Kinneret. The report by Danny Brenner read:

> **"A UFO was seen Tuesday morning over the Lake flying in the direction of the Golan Heights. Four youths spotted the craft at 2:30. Oren Parness of Holon, 20, one of the witnesses relates,`The closer we traveled towards the KInneret, the bigger it got. Flying at medium altitude, it was red, orange and white and occasionally emitted sparks upward. It maneuvered sharply up and down and looked like a cluster of coloured stars.'**
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> **"An hour later, the youths reported the object to Tiberius police which sent a squad car to chase the object. At Poriah Junction it rose somewhat and then disappeared in a flash. Police officials announced that there was no Air Force activity at the time and that they would investigate the incident."**

July 22: The headline of a two page report in *Yediot Ahronot* read: Even The Police Saw The UFO. The subtext read:

> **Residents of Arad Can't Settle Down. Dozens Called The Police To Report A UFO. The Police Acted Seriously And Sent Special Forces To The Scene. One Policeman Reported,`I'm Chasing A Strange Craft.' An Officer Of The Civil Guard Reports,`I saw a flat, shining saucer flying on its side with rays emitted from it. We all agreed this was a very strange object.'**

The article by Amir Rappaport read:

"Tal Igur, a 23-year-old student from Arad looked into the sky with wonder late Friday night. 'I saw a huge silver image above me which emitted large white beams like torches. I was certain I was sure I was dreaming.'

"Igur reasoned that she was over-exhausted and went to bed. She was one of many who saw the object between 1 and 4 A.M. It has become the talk of the town.

"Igur says,`I can't believe it but the object had a frozen, silver face with torso and arms. I asked my 12-year-old brother Royee and he saw my face in the object. It wasn't until morning when I spoke with other people that I connected our experience to reality.'

"Dozens of residents called the police to report the UFO. The police formed lookout points equipped with high-powered binoculars to observe the object. They saw the UFO as well. A civil guard officer Avi Ben Moshe relates, `It was clearly visible in the sky. Officers took up position at the Masada Hotel. We all agreed it was an unexplainable object. I saw in the binoculars a flat, shining saucer seemingly flying on its side with beams being emitted from it everywhere.'

"Hannah Segev, who lives in a prosperous part of the city said,`I don't know what to think. I was terrified.'

The next night, huge crowds returned to the Masada Hotel hoping to witness the UFO. Chief Inspector Shlomo Abutbul collected testimony but said he will not open an investigation."

The Arad UFO was videotaped by 16-year-old Tzakh Reshef and shown on national TV. Four small grey beings were reported by terrified residents in their yards but they are still too frightened to go public with their experience.

July 31: The headline of the two page *Maariv* article reads: The UFOs Left At Dawn. The sub-text reads:

Residents Of The Yad Eliahu Neighbourhood Of Tel Aviv Are Willing To Swear That Yesterday Morning They Saw Unidentified Objects Floating In The Sky. 'We Saw Several Points Of Light Flying Swiftly That Were Green, Blue And Red. There's No Way That The Whole Neighbourhood Went Crazy.'

The article by Benny Toker reads: "Are UFOs planning to attack the Yad Eliahu neighbourhood of Tel Aviv? Residents won't quickly forget the events of Monday night. At 8 P.M., just as the news started on television, dozens of residents witnessed UFOs from their balconies.

"Yehudit Shimon relates,'We first saw them at 8:30 and continued to watch them all night. It became an

obsession.' According to her, she saw two powerfully lit objects over her home. `They flew overhead emitting green, blue and red beams.'

"The lights continued all night long, according to other residents interrupted by planes sent to surveil them. `According to two residents Ronit Peretz and Nicolle Shimshi, `We used to joke about weird phenomena but now will swear we saw UFOs. People can think we're nuts but there's no way the whole neighbourhood went crazy.'

"Resident Ori Peretz relates,`At 3 A.M. I saw a light the relative size of a ping pong ball. Though it constantly changed colour, it never changed shape. I called the police and they saw the same thing. I saw them report the objects. When they left, the objects joined together. I tried to go to bed but ended up watching them all night. In the morning, they disappeared all at once. This was a once in a lifetime experience.'

"Tel Aviv police admitted it had sent a squad car whose officer reported seeing an unusual light in the sky. They also reported receiving dozens of calls from people reporting the UFOs.

A sidebar to the article written by Boaz Gaon is headlined: The Big Flap. The reporter says outright that "without doubt" a huge wave is taking place. He lists recent incidents including:

On March 5, five policemen traveling on the Tel Aviv-Haifa Highway near Kadima saw a UFO floating over the town. On the same night a UFO was filmed over Tel Aviv's Reading power station.

On April 29, Galit Calderon filmed another UFO over Tel Aviv. A week later, workers at an industrial plant in Lod reported seeing, `A flying cross in the sky.'

Yossi Saguy, a Bat Yam youth, reported that aliens visited his apartment. The article ends with a most interesting scoop. One Yad Eliahu resident, Esther Peretz, mother of the previously quoted Orit told Gaon, `This isn't the first time I saw a UFO. Thirty years ago, I saw a saucer filled with dwarves. I'm not stupid. It wasn't a plane and I saw those dwarves clearly.'"

August 1: *Maariv* reports with an accompanying photo: Another UFO: This Time In The Jordan Valley. The article by Danny Brenner reads: Are the UFOs continuing their attack on the skies above Israel? Dotan Gal, 16, says yes. Yesterday, he saw above Moshav Tomar.

`At 4 A.M. I dropped my friend off at his moshav. Suddenly, a round shining object about the size of the moon appeared in the sky. It was lower in altitude than the stars and didn't move. It was a clear sky, so easy to distinguish. I never saw anything like it before.'

"After observing it for an hour, Dotan ran home, fetched his video camera and filmed it for forty minutes. `At 6 AM it disappeared but I have filmed proof.'" Needless to say, the film was shown on national television.

August 2: A period of reaction. *Maariv* reports: `On July 25, hundreds of people gather at a large Tel Aviv theatre to hear a discussion of the UFO wave. Crowds were turned away and scalpers got as much as $70 for tickets.'

Magazine reporter Tzvi Galit of Sof Shavuah, a skeptic, reports after seeing recent videotapes and the reports of three abductees: `Contrary to my expectations, the crowd was as normal as could be...I can't explain what I heard and I'm in no rush to judgement. I just felt that in Tel Aviv, I was on a different planet.'"

The same week, Prof. Ariel Cohen of the Astronomy Dept. of Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a deep skeptic, sent a formal request to Science Minister Benny Begin to open an official investigation of the wave of sightings, `To put an end to this UFO hysteria.' Begin reacted quite strangely. `What hysteria?,' he asked. `I don't recall that people fainted after seeing aliens last week.' He noted that President Ford opened an inquiry into UFOs, `but did that stop the hysteria afterwards?'"

August 22-24: The most documented UFO of all is filmed over Kibbutz Hatzor, thirty miles south of Tel Aviv, over three nights. On the first night, at 3:45 A.M., sixteen-year-old Amichai Shuah is awakened by a strange and powerful light in his bedroom. He awakens his parents, Salakh and Miriam and runs outside to see the Light. He observes a UFO and runs inside for the family video camera. He records a craft with three illuminated windows. The craft remains in the sky until daybreak and at approximately 6 A.M., he filmed the object in full daylight. It is an ellipsoid object.

The next night, he remained awake, camera in hand, and at 4 A.M. the object returned. His film later reveals the existence of two objects, or one huge craft joined by a `bridge.'

The third night, word had spread through the kibbutz and some sixty members stayed awake awaiting the return of `their UFO.' It did not disappoint them. At 3 A.M. it returned but Amichai's camera's batteries lost power. He ran to the home of a neighbour who operates the kibbutz's film centre. She filmed the object with a zoom 200 Sony video. A remarkable close-up view of the craft's power source was recorded. It consists of two levels of orange coloured, square vents.

Eight

It's a Bird . . . an Alien . . . a Fraud

On December 22, Israel Television's First Channel Evening News program broadcast an exciting report. It seems that on a night of intense UFO activity in the Galilee farming village of Achihod, an "alien" fell from a craft and was captured by a local resident.

An attractive woman, Tziona Damti was interviewed and described coming face to face with the alien the evening before, which was standing motionless just outside her father-in-law's barn. She showed her father-in-law the weird Being and he said it was nothing. She went to sleep but in the morning returned to find the "alien" standing in the same place.

So she called the police, and two officers were sent to investigate. According to the conventional story, journalists monitoring the police band picked up the call and this was the start of a media event. The cops arrived and when one bent down to put the "alien" in a bucket,

it jumped on his back. Officer Asher Ben Ezra told the press that the volume of bodily fluids left on the ground by the creature was abnormal and persuaded him that there was something suspicious about it.

The police, apparently deciding the creature was no danger to the public peace, returned it and media circus was on. Besides the report on TV, the newspaper Maariv printed a photo of the "alien" on its front page while Yediot Ahronot devoted two pages in the center of the paper to the encounter.

On the night of the TV report, I called Michael Hesemann, editor of Magazin 2000 and told him the news. He asked that I hire a cameraman and cover the story in depth. I immediately called Tziona's home and spoke to her husband Yisrael.

"You'd better hurry," he said. "The body is disintegrating quickly. Most of the head has melted away."

"Please," I replied, "Put the body in a nylon bag and freeze it."

The next day, the Jerusalem Post reported that an "alien" was being kept in the freezer of the Damti home. The Hebrew papers also reported on UFO activity over

and nearby the village. Maariv connected the UFOs with a recent wave of mysterious livestock disappearances.

I arrived on time, after a three-hour journey and Yisrael Damti was not at home. Tziona invited me inside and called his cellphone. He was at a laboratory of the Technion Technological Institute with fifty journalists and observers, including Uri Geller. He apologized for not meeting me but the "alien" was about to undergo a thorough autopsy.

"Are you filming it? " I asked. The answer was no.

"Well," I replied, "If you don't, the first link in the chain of evidence will be destroyed. You won't have a creature or proper proof that it was examined scientifically."

He told me that he would ask for permission to allow me to film the examination. Why he needed permission I don't know but a few minutes later one Debby Segal phoned back. I knew her as UFO groupie who had organized a failed conference some months before. She denied me permission to film. I tried a new tack, which I came to regret very shortly after.

"If this is really a space being," I said. "It's about to be chopped into pieces and you'll have nothing to show

anyone. Whole, it may be very valuable to science and the Damtis. It will be a huge loss if you cut it into strips."

She handed the phone to one Uriah. "Yisrael only wants money, money, money," he explained. "I'm interested in truth. But let's talk money anyway. How much can he get?"

"I don't know, "I answered. "My editor informed me that if I could acquire a real alien, he could bring a well known financier of UFO research into the picture."

"We'll be back in half an hour. Give me Tziona." He then instructed Tziona not to allow us to film her til they arrived. It was already 2:00 in the afternoon and we had two and a half hours of sunlight left.

I spent the next hour interviewing Tziona and talking UFOs. She told me the alien appeared out of nowhere and had a large, black eyes. It was originally 20 cm. long but after purging itself of an enormous volume of body fluids, had shrunk to 5 cm.

The pictures I had seen had shown a green creature with lizard-like features. There were four limbs but no fingers. Five cm. is the length of a human finger and Israeli ufologist Doron Rotem was quoted in Maariv and Yediot Ahronot saying no alien yet reported was only

five cm. tall. The next day he was on the early evening news program of Channel Two television debunking the incident point by point. He later told me, "After that interview I received actual threats from the UFO community. They want an Israeli Roswell and I had the nerve to say this wasn't it."

Tziona went on. The creature had a human-like face and jumped away whenever anyone tried to touch it. The same night, December 21, that she discovered it, blue luminescent discs were seen by numerous residents of the village. I took down the name of one witness. And that night, a sheep farmer, also from the Damti clan, lost fifteen of his animals without a trace. Again, I wrote down the name. Further, Uri Geller told her that in the nearby Arab town of Tamra, he was invited to see a small UFO flying inside someone's home.

Clearly, there was real UFO activity in the area. And why not? Since 1987, Israel has been in the midst of a UFO wave that intensified profoundly last February. In big cities and small towns, UFOs had been filmed, physical evidence left behind and one highly likely abduction widely publicized. Until now, almost every reported incident was factual. But there were probable hoaxes.

Yisrael Damti returned with Debby, her partner in fraud Uriah and two very strange women. The first thing I said to him was, "There's ninety minutes of sunlight left. We have to start filming."

Uri interrupted and said, "Relax, have some lunch first. Maybe talk to the ladies."

The ladies were allies of Yuri Isaacov of Nazareth. Last summer, he was reportedly abducted by small greys who lifted him into their spacecraft and ultimately threw a yellow powder on him which made him pass out. The powder, composed of 55% aluminum was unknown in Israel and made his case believable. But it turned out, the powder burns could not be cured by conventional medicine and he was in great pain. He needed expensive medical care. Could I help? I said I'd interview him and publicize his ordeal. That's not what the ladies wanted to hear. They wanted someone to pay for an exclusive interview. When I refused to become a checkbook journalist, they left.

Next was Uriah's turn. He claimed he was in the Israeli UFO research business for the past 25 years, a good trick since the first recorded landings began ten years before. What he wanted more than anything else was the right to negotiate with my editor for the rights to the film and possession of the "alien" itself. I turned this huckster down twice.

Clearly UFO madness had hit still another village. Last April, one Shula Cohen filmed a remarkable event in the town of Ramat Hachayal. At 3 A.M., a globe appeared in the sky which lit up the whole town as if it was mid-day. After local reporters publicized the film and one of them David Ronen tracked down a copy, her attorney contacted him and presented him with a written pledge not to publish or show the film for less than $20,000. Needless to say, he has not shown the intriguing film publicly.

In August, the Shuah family filmed a UFO over their kibbutz, Hatzor for two nights and mornings running. On the third night, a crowd of over seventy kibbutzniks witnessed the UFO but the battery of the family camera wore down. A neighbour with a professional video camera was summoned and it captured one of the amazing closeups of a UFO's structure ever recorded.

Word somehow spread that the film was worth $100,000 and that the television networks would start bidding. Hence, an ugly battle erupted over who owned the rights to the film, the Shuah family or their neighbor. Villagers who had got along fine for decades were suddenly at loggerheads.

The same madness had hit Achihod. Whoever Uriah was, he had persuaded Yisrael Damti that he was going

to make him rich. And it was Damti who offered to allow me to film the creature and his wife if I promised him future payment for selling it to my editor. I refused and explained that no one, including my editor, would ever offer money without a thorough preliminary report. He agreed to bring the creature to me to be filmed. Again I waited half an hour, this time outside until Uriah announced that I would not be able to even see it, let alone film it, because "I would spread doubt about its authenticity."

At that moment, I knew I was dealing with a hoax. The Achihod "alien" incident appeared to be stage-managed. Yisrael and Tziona are simple villagers and Segal and Uriah, the big city shysters. Everything was aimed at making money. I refused to play the game and walked out of the play. The next day, Segal appeared on the news and announced that an "unnamed" laboratory would offer proof of the veracity of the alien nature of Tziona's creature soon. In the meantime, Tziona announced that the alien would be put on the auction block with bids beginning at $10,000.

On the way back, I stopped in Zichron Yaacov and visited Dr. Rachelle Fishman. She had seen the "alien" on TV and pictures in the paper. "It's my opinion," she said," that a simple biopsy would have exposed the whole thing in an hour. What you have here is a lizard

which hatched too early. It is covered in a multi-layered gelatinous sac. When it shed the sacs, it left amniotic fluid. The jumping is the typical flexional and convulsional reactions of a trapped embryo, maybe of a salamander."

Doron Rotem agrees, "I thought it was an embryo but of a chameleon. I reached the conclusion the whole thing was a hoax from Tziona's testimony. She told me the thing was dead from the minute she saw it. When she started talking to reporters, it miraculously came to life. And originally, she told me the creature was 5 cm tall. Suddenly it's grown to 20 cm. but it shrunk later on."

My opinion is that initially Tziona was caught in UFO hysteria and imagined a lizard embryo to be an alien. Then the hucksters arrived at her door and the hoax began in earnest. Soon, a controversial laboratory opinion will be released, similar to that of the Kadima silicon, and a legend will be born. But a false one.

It looks as though Israeli ufology has suffered another setback. Its most famous UFO abductee Yuri Isaacov has looked and more like a fraud.

In September of 1996, Isaacov claimed he was taken aboard a huge craft while walking near his home in Nazareth. Inside the craft he was surrounded by small

greys-like entities but there were differences in his description of them than is found in worldwide literature. Instead of arms, his had three tentacles from their shoulders down to their knees with three inch fingernail-like appendages at the tips. The tallest creature was a woman with a glowing bikini-top and crescent-shaped tiara. Another tall male spoke to one of the small entities in a voice sounding like "a needle scratching a record." It responded by approaching Isaacov and "spitting" a green powder on his face and upper body. That is all Isaacov claimed to remember. At 10:45 he awoke in a soccer field and walked to the nearest police station to tell his tale.

The police took him to Afula Hospital where he was examined by Dr. Darawashe, who removed traces of the powder. The powder was tested by the hospital laboratory and found to be composed of 55% aluminum and a hodgepodge of other elements including calcium, nitrate, and iron. The hospital spokesman admitted the powder was of unknown origin and certainly not found naturally in Israel. That became the central argument in favor of Isaacov's veracity.

Yuri's story made national headlines and he appeared on the national television news programs. He immediately became Israel's best known abductee and the ufologists descended upon him. They managed to have his case publicized internationally.

Last December I visited the Damti home in Achihod to report on a "dead alien" that turned out to be a lizard. Also there were the usual gang of UFO hangers-on. Two ladies of this group told me that Yuri Isaacov was suffering agonizing pain because of the lingering powder burns and tried to persuade me to pay for an exclusive interview.

I turned them down but events were to propel me to Isaacov anyway. I had immediately determined that the Ichihod incident was a money-making ploy and exposed it as such. Despite some initial criticism of my conclusion that people were trying to pass off a lizard as an alien, by February I was redeemed. Expensive laboratory tests conducted by BUFORA in England determined that the carbon structure of the "alien" was the same as that found in lizards and frogs.

Not a week after the alien lizard fiasco, a Netanya couple claimed to have experienced a unique abduction/house haunting experience. After meeting with them and examining some intriguing physical evidence, I chose to believe them. I called Michael Hesemann of Magazin 2000 and the next day sent him some samples of evidence. Within ten days, he arranged the arrival of American abduction expert Derrel Sims in Israel.

Michael made an additional request. After com-

pleting the Netanya research, could I have Derrel examine Yuri Isaacov? If he was genuinely ill, Michael would pay his airfare to Houston, where Derrel would arrange the best dermatological care available free of charge.

When we met Isaacov, he did seem ill. His hands shook and he had a nasty rash on his left arm. Further, one testicle was inflamed. He explained that he hadn't showered for five months because water agonized his skin. Derrel was convinced and offered to fly Yuri to Houston immediately. All he needed was a copy of Yuri's medical records and a small sample of the powder that poisoned him. He directed us to Afula Hospital where the records and powder were kept.

We were told by the deputy director of the hospital, Dr. Michael Kedem that Yuri had signed a power of attorney agreement with a lawyer named Michael Luxemburg. Without his offering a release, he could not hand over the records. Derrel told Yuri that no hospital would ever admit him without his previous medical records and Yuri promised to instruct Luxemburg to sign them over to me.

Now the roller coaster ride. It seems Yuri met Luxemburg in the out patients clinic of Afula Hospital the very evening of his encounter and without hesitation

signed a contract granting him total power of attorney over his affairs. It did not occur to him to wonder if Luxemburg was of the type of ambulance chasing lawyers who hang around hospital waiting rooms.

Luxemburg promised me to arrange the release if Derrel sent him a memo stating that his client would not be abandoned penniless in America. Derrel complied, I called Luxemburg twice leaving messages on his machine and he never got back to me.

Meanwhile, Isaacov called to say Luxemburg would not grant the release unless he was paid $5000 for his "work." I told him to report Luxemburg to the Bar Association for unethical behavior. He claimed he already had but the Bar supported Luxemburg. Two nights later Isaacov's daughter called me from Toronto to say how worried she was about her father's health and how much it meant if I could help. She received my phone number from her father.

Next scene: Isaacov calls to tell me he has a copy of the lab analysis of the yellow powder. I told him to send it to me registered mail. He told me he couldn't afford the stamp. I said I'd pay him back. He replied that he didn't have the money to lend me.

By a coincidence again, Michael Hesemann was to arrive in late February and I would be his guide to numerous Israeli UFO-related incidents and wonders for an upcoming film. The very last item on our very hectic and successful agenda was Isaacov. He claimed two aliens were not only in his apartment the week before but also in the apartment of an elderly woman nearby. We asked to meet the lady but Isaacov claimed it was too late in the evening. So Michael filmed his account, not including the lawyer's refusal to release the material unless he came up with $5000. Michael wasn't biting. Instead he agreed to stay overnight in Nazareth and act as a witness in a police complaint against Luxemburg for extortion. The next morning Isaacov refused to go to the police, telling Hesemann that his lawyer was really "a good man" and the neighbor was nowhere to be found.

I was hoping this would be the end of Michael's interest in a person I was totally convinced was a pathetic con artist. But Michael is, and I'm not exaggerating, the most determined and stubborn person I've ever worked with. He asked me to contact the Maariv UFO reporter David Ronen to scare Luxemburg into giving me the release. The threat of being exposed publicly as an extortionist responsible for the suffering of poor Yuri was bound to work.

Ronen called me two weeks later asking if Isaacov was a liar?

"Why would you think so?" I asked. Ronen replied that Luxemburg claimed he never asked for $5000 and would gladly hand over the release. When I asked why Luxemburg wouldn't answer my phone calls, Ronen suggest that perhaps they were both in this together for the money.

Not two days later, leading Israeli ufologist Doron Rotem called me, sayingYuri Isaacov had phoned him, accusing him of spreading wild rumors about him. I asked Doron why Isaacov would go to the trouble. Doron replied, "Because I went looking for the neighbor who was also supposedly visited and I met some of his other neighbors. One after another said he was a pathological liar. I'll give you one example. They said he showed them an obviously new tattoo and claimed he got it in a Nazi concentration camp."

I asked Doron if he still believed Isaacov's abduction story. He said he didn't know, but that nothing rare was found in the green power; that anyone could have made it.

Which brings us up to date. Two nights ago Isaacov called me and said he was visited by two aliens and they blew more powder at him. He had collected six or seven grams of the extraterrestrial material. "We finally have the powder and I'm saving it only for you," he an-

nounced. He added that since the encounter, he was bleeding from his gonads.

I told him I'd contact Michael and Derrel and see what they suggest. I e-mailed Michael that I wouldn't be the one to waste a trip to Nazareth unless I was paid the equivalent of wartime compensation. I had already seen enough of this character.

Needless to say, Michael immediately e-mailed instructions to get the powder and Fed-Ex it to him. I phoned Isaacov and relayed the message. He said, "I'm not going to just give you the powder. It's worth a fortune."

I briefly considered telling him of the genuine humanitarian treatment Derrel and Michael had offered him, including thousands of dollars in airfare and hospital treatment fees. But I just said, "Goodbye Yuri. Find another sucker."

Nine

Circle of the Giants

One of the last great barely known wonders of the ancient world is a Stonehenge-like monument sitting atop Israel's Golan Heights. Called Gilgal Refaim, The Circle Of The Refaim in Hebrew, the monument consists of five concentric stone rings whose diameter is 155 meters.

The best preserved of the rings is the outermost, whose height reaches 2 meters and thickness 3.3 meters. Some of the stones used to create the ring weigh twenty tons. The total weight of the stones is 37,000 tons.

In the middle of the rings is a cairn, topped by a tumulus, measuring twenty meters across. Despite the obvious attraction to archaeologists, the rings remained hidden while the suspicious Syrian regimes held the Golan Heights and were only opened to inspection after Israel won the area in the Six Day War of 1967.

One feature of the rings has particularly fascinated the few people who have studied them. It is the meaning of two large openings, somewhat like doorways, one facing northeast, the other southeast.

In 1968 Professor Yonathan Mizrahi of the Depart-Department of Anthropology at Harvard University and Prof. Anthony Aveni of Colgate University discovered that in 3000 BCE, the first rays of the summer solstice would have appeared directly through the northeast opening as seen from the central tumulus. At the same time, the southeast opening provided a direct view of Sirius.

One function of the circles then, was an astronomical observatory and stellar calendar. Or was it? Prof. Mizrahi is doubtful: "Why would they have undertaken such a massive building project, collecting 37,000 tons of stone and painstakingly laying them down to last forever, when the same task could have been completed using one rock and a stick?"

In fact, no one knows why the site was built — thus speculation is rife. Micah Ankouri, for instance, writing in *Teva Ve'aretz* (Land and Nature) spends five pages trying to provide a connection between the circles and Far Eastern mandalas. He concludes that Gilgal Refaim was an "astronomical observatory providing social

harmony through its communal construction and proof of the perfection of the universe."

The astronomical dating confirms lichenometric tests and carbon dating of pot shards found on the site. In fact, the professors erred on the side of conservatism. The shards dated to the Early Bronze Age, 3rd millennium BCE, 5000 years ago. A three layered burial monument was added to the central cairn a thousand years later. Thus, the circles pre-date the pyramids and Babylonian temples, making them the oldest astronomical complex in the Middle East.

The mysteries continue. Gilgal Refaim is the only megalithic astronomical complex on earth built of loose stones. It resembles more ruins found on Malta and in Zimbabwe than European sites built at the same time and possibly for the same purpose.

But despite the similarity of purpose, supposedly the simple nomads of the region had no contact with Europe. Nor were the shepherd tribes prone to massive building projects. Gilgal Refaim was the only such undertaking in the Middle East at the time. There was no apparent cultural reason for this unique engineering project.

For those seeking a possible UFO connection: the circles were built on a flat plateau. No one could have

seen the shape of the monument from ground level and there were no hills nearby to gaze upon it. Yet the monument could only have been appreciated from above. It was as likely a message to the stars as a stellar observatory.

In the general region of the rings are hundreds of dolmens, similar in appearance to those found in northern Britain and France. Moshe Hartal, Chief Archaeologist of the Golan explains: "We have identified 8,500 dolmens of twenty separate styles on the Golan Heights. Each tribe had its own dolmen style. The biggest dolmen stones weigh over 50 tons and are seven meters in height. Graves are found within some dolmens but not all. Their function was not purely funereal."

If the dolmens surrounding Gilgal Refaim were an integral part of the site, then it was an enormous project encompassing more area than at the Giza pyramids.

Hartel is reluctant to draw such a conclusion, taking the more conservative view that the dolmens were built over time around the attraction of the circles.

One fact stands out. The local nomadic tribes of the time did not build any other remotely similar monument. Circle building was not a fashion of the era among the herdsmen and that, combined with their unsuitable,

primitive technology, seems to rule out their construction of the circles.

If the local inhabitants didn't build the rings, then who did? Surpisingly, there is strong evidence that the biblical giants or Refaim were the architects and engineers who constructed the monument.

Consider the following biblical clues, written in modern terminology (*The Book*, Tyndale House Publishers): In Genesis 14:5, we are told the Refaim inhabit the place called Ashtherot Karnaim. Just ten miles from the rings is the site of an ancient Canaanite city called Ashtherot. It is named after the Canaanite goddess of war and, contradictorily, love. Ashterot was the Canaanite name for Sirius, from which the Hebrew name Esther was derived.

In Joshua 12:4, we learn that "King Og of Bashan, the last of the Refaim, who lived at Ashtarot... ruled a territory stretching From Mount Hermon in the north..."

In 1 Chronicles 6:71, we are told that the half-tribe of Manasseh later inhabited "Golan," in Bashan.

The most explicit description of the size of the people of Bashan is found in Deuteronomy 3. King Og

is attacked and defeated: King Og of Bashan was the last of the great Refaim. His iron bedstead is kept at Rabbah... and measures thirteen and a half feet long and six feet wide.

In the same chapter we are informed that the Sidonians called Mount Hermon, Sirion. In Deuteronomy, we are told that the Refaim "were a large and powerful tribe, as tall as the Anakim (giants)."

In Chronicles 20, the last of the Anakim is killed: "A giant with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, whose father was also a giant ... was killed by David's nephew Jonathan. These giants were descendants of the giants of Gath and were killed by David and his soldiers."

The respected Jerusalem biblical author, Rabbi Yisrael Herczeg, hardly an advocate of ancient alien theories, nonetheless confirms the possibility that giant heavenly beings or their descendants could have constructed the circles: "The Jewish oral tradition says Og, the King of Bashan, stowed away on Noah's ark and was the only survivor of the flood outside Noah's family. Og was descended from the Nefilim, deities who fell from the heavens."

"Aliens?

"No, more like fallen angels. Og had children with Noah's daughters and they were hybrid giants called the Anakim or Refaim. They existed in ancient times and the Bible records their presence in the Golan Heights. They could have built Gilgal Refaim."

Ten

Three Israeli Abductions

The sagas of three Israeli abductees have recently been published. I have been fortunate enough to receive filmed evidence strongly confirming the first account. Following are abridged translations of the testimonies with short commentary by me in brackets.

The first case was transcribed by Avi Grief, director of the Israel UFO Research Center in its publication UFO. I thank him for gathering strong corroborating evidence in his publication, without which, the following article could not have been written with relative ease.

The testimony is of Ada, (she does not give her full name in the publication though I have it), a medical electronics technician. She sought Grief out to tell her story. She is from Kfar Saba where it must be noted, several dramatic UFOs have been captured on video since September of 1996.

Ada's Testimony:

In the afternoon after work during the summer of 1993, I went to my bedroom to sleep, I saw within a three-dimensional being less than a meter from me. He was tall and wearing a *space suit* of silver and green.

(Her description of a tall being in a silver suit matches those women who met giants from April to July 1993 in Kadima, Burgata and Rishon Letzion. The timing of Ada's first encounter is, thus, most significant.)

The being emitted white beams from his waist area. I felt the energy of the beams first in my feet, then throughout my whole body. The feeling was wonderful ... a feeling of fullness, well-being, joy and purity. Then the being left. It took small steps then it was gone. (Her description of the departure is similar to those of Shosh Yahud of Kadima and Batya Shimon of Rishon Letzion). For weeks I walked around with this feeling of fullness. My views on life and death changed since then. When I am not afraid I can let loose and call up visions of all kinds of beings. I feel their presence everywhere, in my home, car and other places.

That year, despite my overall feelings of warmth, I was often very tired and slept too much. In this period, they helped me in many ways, even finding a complete solution to my problems with my husband. I couldn't complain about this first, learning period.

Three years ago, I found two highly symmetrical objects in my upper nose of 1 mm diameter each. They cleared up my chronic sinus infections as never before. Two years ago, I was caring for a soldier when six beings appeared in the hallway. I called my husband to see but he was rebuffed by a hidden energy source. He tried again but could not get to the hallway.

That same evening I felt horrible pains in my navel area which spread to the lower ribs, pains I had never felt before. The pains continued for three weeks. From the navel, the pains would spread to the lungs, first the left, then the right. After the pains subsided, I felt a definite improvement in my breathing.

A year and a half ago, I suddenly discovered 20 blue spots, like tiny blood dots, on both my legs. They caused no pain and disappeared within two days. (In January 1997, Derrel Sims flew to Israel to study the case of a Netanya abductee, Shosh Baron with me. Her body, including legs, was also covered with dozens of small dots that looked like scabbed needle marks). Shortly after, I felt pain in my right armpit area and when my husband tried to soothe it with his hand, he received a shock. One night the pain was so bad I put a drug-soaked bandage on it. By the morning the pain was gone and a permanent scar left on the skin.

A year ago, the aliens concentrated on my ears beginning with my right ear for a month and a half, then my left. After that they took turns with both my ears. The treatment was extremely painful. When the

pain was excruciating, I felt warmth like that of a black light in my ear and the pain subsided. After that the ears dried up from inside and I heard shrill noises that I had never heard before.

Three years ago in the winter, my husband and I returned from an evening of dancing at 2 A.M. By 3 A.M. he started snoring so loudly that I went to sleep in the salon. Suddenly the stripes in the blanket glowed like fluorescence. I looked up and saw on the ceiling a three dimensional glowing white saucer of 3 meters diameter. A year and a half later, a similar image appeared on the dining room ceiling though my husband claimed it was a reflection from the kitchen. The next day he saw the image of a blue glowing circle in the exact location.

On Sept. 5, 1997, my husband discovered the spots on my back. He then looked in a magnifying glass and saw there was a kind of order to the spots. He filmed the spots with his video camera. (I have a copy of this film. The spots look very similar to those of Shosh Baron though hers were scattered seemingly helter-skelter while Ada's were placed in parallel lines near the middle of the back).

The spots went away in two days and then the aliens returned in the middle of the night. They literally smothered me with a feeling of love and I felt a wave of heat. I went to the bathroom at 2:30 A.M. and urinated an enormous amount of urine. That night, a sinus abscess that I had suffered with for ten years disappeared. In June 1997, the spots returned and my husband again filmed them.

I was told there are two types of aliens, good and bad. The good wish to promote harmony but the bad have the upper hand right now. They are responsible for the UFO landings and the mass abductions and have no concept of the pain they cause.

(Ada is one of a lengthening list of Israeli women in their late thirties who have been examined by large aliens. As noted before, the Israeli abduction/visitation wave which began in Kadima in April 1993 is characterized by the witnesses all being women of about the same age and professional background. As of today, only one of the women is happy about her experiences. Most wish it never happened or would finally go away).

The next publicized testimony was that of Chani Salomon published in *Kan Drom*, "This Is The South," on May 23, 1997. Here are Chani's experiences:

On Feb. 5, 1997, during the afternoon rest time, I felt a presence in the bedroom. I tried getting out of the bed but failed. I saw an elliptical image 60 cm. high of a brightly lit and glowing object. It approached me and I felt it was operating on me. It was a most uncomfortable feeling. My eyes were wide open and I saw what was happening to me but I was helpless to react, a most worrying situation. I felt I was being drilled into from place to place. The center of the operation was in the heart. I felt a pain there that is indescribable, I was that unfamiliar with it.

I tried to scream to alert my family but no sound came out. I tried to say Shma Yisrael (The holy Jewish prayer, traditionally recited before death) but don't recall how many times.

I went to the beach a few days later and saw all the people glowing and translucent. Then I felt an odd sensation in my forehead, between my eyes. The rest of the week, the area behind my ears hurt though there was no sign of injury or wound.

Two weeks after the first incident I had a dream connected to UFOs, something which never happened before. In it, I'm with a group of people and we're all startled by the appearance of UFOs in the sky. A voice asks for volunteers to go up in the craft. A white beam lights up my knees, though I don't recall volunteering. The dream awakened me to the fact that there are others in the cosmos trying to reach us and help us. We just have to be sensitive to the infinite pool of energy and exploit it for our own health and care.

The third case was published in *Zman* Tel Aviv on May 30, 1997 and written by David Ronen and Sarah Tsifroni. I was initially reluctant to include it because Ronen and Tsifroni did not include the witness's name. However, like Grief, I decided this incident was worthy of recording for several reasons. First is the integrity of the *Zman* Tel Aviv reporters. Second is the location of the incident, Ness Tziona. The city is located just two miles from Rishon Letzion, twenty miles south of Tel

Aviv, the second most important UFO hot spot after the Sharon, the region north of Tel Aviv which includes Kadima, Kfar Saba and Netanya. Finally, a phenomenon occurred to the witness which duplicated an eerie experience Derrel Sims and I went through in Netanya. The witness describes herself as a rationalist and skeptic, then tells her frightening story:

> **Things began almost innocently. I would have the sensation at night of being between sleep and a dream state, something that was difficult to control. Every morning I'd wake up confused with deep pains centered around my right ear. Then I'd go to sleep at night and have the feeling I was choking, like I was breathing in smoke.**
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> **Strange beings would appear in the dreams. Sometimes they'd be tall and long-haired with a stunted nose and giant nostrils . . . (except for the long hair, the description of the tall beings duplicates those of the women discussed previously. Their giants, however, were bald)...and sometimes like bald, skinny children with a mask-like face and huge eyes. (Which is a close description of the little greys which visited Shosh Baron in 1996). After the dreams, I felt pain in the legs and the armpits, which included sores which disappeared later. I would feel that time was lost and was very tired. For six or seven days we experienced electrical blackouts whose cause was not known.**
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> **On May 14, 1997 at night I awoke from my sleep. But**

I felt tied down to the bed. I felt like I was choking and my throat burned like I had drunk something caustic. The house stunk of a crippling odor. I went into panic. I felt a smothering, heavy feeling in the atmosphere. The smell even emanated from my son's room.

(In January 1996, Derrel Sims and I investigated the Shosh Baron, Talia Cohen incident in Netanya. Talia's father, Ilan, warned us that when the beings arrived, they carried with them a horrid stench. All my skepticism about the case disappeared when, out of nowhere, an acrid, disgusting smell, somewhat like burning tires, filled my nostrils. There was no possible earthly source for this smell. The stench moved around the room and we identified it in four other places. It took five or six hours until the smell left my olfactory nerves).

I could sit up on my bed and did so. Half an hour later I heard a sound in my ears which began like a cricket chirping and ended like a jackhammer. The sound emanated from somewhere above me. When the sound dissipated, I went downstairs and saw a shocking image: The window and blinds were covered in a fluorescent blue light whose source seemed to be in the room, flowing outside. In the morning I saw two of my photos scratched and torn like rats bit it, a sculpture had its throat damaged and a doll's face was ripped off. Outside were two 20 cm. black circles which stunk of last night's smell. Around the 20 cm. circles were a number of 8 cm. circles which formed the shape of a Scorpion's tail. I'm not a paranoiac but I have a feeling

I've been violated inside. I think they've formed a bond with me and will be back. Especially the little ones with the big eyes.

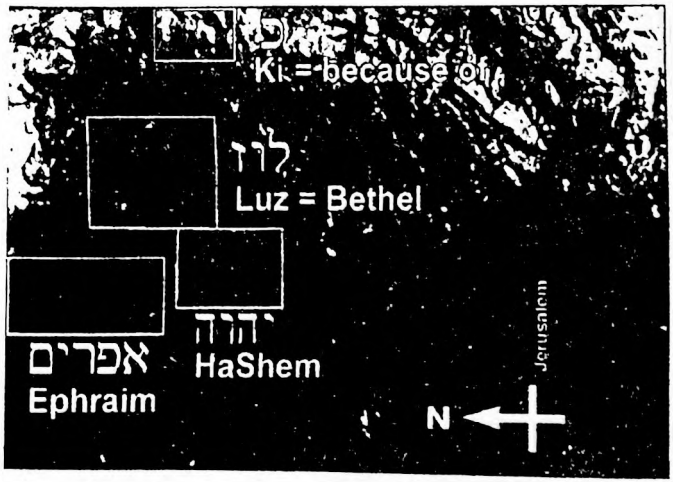
And like Mara, one of the witnesses of Kadima back in 1993, she decided to abandon her house and never return to it. However, this has not been a feasible solution for Batya Shimon of Rishon Letzion whose beings have followed her halfway around the world to Los Angeles.

Eleven

The Bible From Space

A discovery by the real-life Indiana Jones, biblical archaeologist Vendyl Jones is proving to be one of the Bible's greatest mysteries. Jones was examining satellite photographs of the Jerusalem area when he noticed Hebrew letters in the valleys just West of the city.

Please look at the satellite photo. The areas of the Hebrew letters are not darkened artificially. They appear



to be created by the greater depth of the wadis than the surrounding hills and gulleys. In order from north to south are the words:

Ki — Because
Luz — The town of Luz, later changed to Bethel
Yaweh — The sacred spelling of God's name
Ephraim — A tribe of Israel

Hebrew grammar creates the sentence: Because Luz is God's name of Ephraim.

Rabbi Marvin Antleman looked at the satellite image taken 140 miles above Jerusalem and understood where the key to this phenomenon may lie. He opened his Bible to the first verse mentioning Bethel, Genesis 23, in which Jacob has his dream of angels ascending and descending a ladder to heaven, and made a discovery that has to be considered astounding.

In verses 13 and 14, the letters seen from the satellite camera appear in the exact order that they appear on the ground.

Says Rabbi Antleman, "The odds of this being a coincidence are impossible. The letters seen from space including the town of Luz, appear in the exact order of the biblical verse where Luz is first mentioned. It had to have been planned."

To strengthen the case for a most dramatic discovery, let us look at the biblical passage where the letters appear. Jacob envisions the angels going up and down the ladder to heaven when God appears to him and says, "The land whereupon thou liest, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north and to the south."

Now look at the satellite photo again. The letters are situated in all four directions. Now examine the position of the letters spelling out Ephraim and compare them to the biblical map of the area. The name Ephraim is spelled out precisely in the land of the tribe of Ephraim.

I gave Dr. Antleman a few of my thoughts, approximately in the following order: The satellite photo was snapped from 140 miles up. No one on ground level could possibly have discerned the letters. They are something like the Nazca Lines of Israel. That means if this phenomenon was planned, it was done so from space.

Jacob's dream took place 3700 years ago and shortly after, the tribes, including Ephraim coalesced. In that case, Ephraim and Luz, if not God's holy name itself, were bequeathed upon the Hebrews, unless the letters were somehow artificially formed later. But Hebrew

letters were of different form 3700 years ago. The letters in the photo were not in use until hundreds of years later.

Dr. Antleman lifted the phone and called an expert on biblical script, Rabbi Kuzriel Meir. He explained, "According to the Midrash, there were two scripts in use at the time, the Lapidary script, utilized for everyday purposes and today only used by the Samaritans and the Monumental script used for monument and holy writing. The Dutch scholar Dr. Alex Cornelius Klugkist of Groningen University found concrete evidence that Lapidary and Monumental scripts existed side by side back then."

Satisfied that a profound discovery had been, I concluded that the first Hebrews were divinely guided from space and the proof is on the soil of Israel promised Jacob by God. I make no conclusions about the concept of the God behind this mysterious plan.

Twelve

Getting Weirder.

As the Israeli UFO wave progresses along its unexplainable path, the phenomena associated with it have turned weirder and probably eviler. Two incidents among Jews involving the transformation of entities into uglier forms are well known but suppressed.

In August 1997, a fourteen-year-old Russian immigrant from Rishon Letzion approached what he thought was a little girl in a park who turned into a grey-like alien. The autumn before, two fashionable Tel Aviv women on an equally fashionable Tel Aviv street saw a tall man turn into a monster that clung to their car window and held on even while the terrified women desperately tried to drive away.

The story, I am reliably informed, was buried because one of the women was the television news reporter, Ayala Hassan. Since then, almost all similar publicized incidents have involved Arabs.

It is possibly that the reports of demons have nothing to do with the UFO wave. That cannot be said of the gruesome animal mutilations, which almost always were accompanied by UFO activity and evidence.

1997 saw a peak in UFO video films, culminating in the filmed capture of an invasion of low flying black "sponges" over downtown Tel Aviv.

April, 1998 saw Israel's first crop formation. The wave is expanding into areas which seem beyond reason . . . unless reason is not the point of it at all.

I recorded the current state of affairs in a series of reports over the Internet:

ARABS REPORT ENCOUNTERS WITH DEMONS

The Arabs of Israel and its disputed territories have been harassed in recent months by what they believe are demons. The following stories have been reported in the respectable daily newspapers *Yediot Ahronot* and *Maariv*.

On October 14, Dr. Harav Ibn Bari, a physician at Hasharon Hospital in Petach Tikveh, was returning from Beersheva by car with his cousin Dudi Muhmad at the wheel. He relates, "After passing the bridge to Tel Aviv at 3:30 A.M., I saw a strange figure on the opposite side of the road. We did a U-turn and stopped

the car. The figure came out of the shadows and into the light. He was small and his body color, light.

He lifted his right leg and approached us at terrific speed. He had huge, bulging, round black eyes. They contrasted with the white color around them. It was as if he was reading my thoughts and I couldn't take my eyes off his for six seconds. He lifted his right hand and Muhmad pressed on the gas and took off."

On October 19, Khaj Muhmad Jamal Kavah, 45, a Tel Aviv cab driver who lives in the Arab village of Al-Arian, met his cousin Ataf Kavah at 6 P.M. at Mai-Ami Junction to drive to a dinner party. "I saw him and signaled that he wait a moment while I relieved myself first. I heard him say, 'Okay.' When I was finished I approached the car and saw that Ataf was wearing a shiny suit. I thought to myself, in his whole life Ataf never wore material like that. I bent down to open the door and saw that Ataf wasn't sitting in the driver's seat. I stared over and over but the driver paid no attention to me. Then I saw the weird creature. He had long hair reaching to his shoulders, his nose was enormous like an eggplant, colored purplish black. I almost had a heart attack. But I regained my senses and began walking backwards towards the highway. My plan was to make a break for the cars if he followed me. But I couldn't run because I felt something holding me in place for fifteen minutes.

Then Ataf opened the door and came out looking totally confused. I shouted at him, 'You're not Ataf. What do you want from me?'"

Ataf recalls sitting in the car and wondering why it was taking Muhmad so long to get in. He got out of the car and asked him what he was waiting for. He remembers Muhmad yelling, "You're not Ataf. Who are you? Where's the shiny suit you were wearing?"

Since the incident, Muhmad took and passed a polygraph test arranged for him by *Maariv*. His home has become a pilgrimage center as dozens of people a day come to hear his story. Included among them are Muslim religious leaders who have concluded that Muhmad met a demon and irritated him by relieving himself in his territory. They say the demons are rising because so many Arabs are straying from their religion.

The next night, October 20, will never be forgotten by Eli Hawald, 33, of a village near Haifa called Kfar Hawald. The tiny village has no electricity and when Eli Hawald went outside at 11:00 PM, all was too clear for him. "Out of nowhere I saw a gigantic green light, the color of a traffic light, fall out of the sky. I ran into the house, locked the door and watched from the window. When the craft was about ten meters above the ground, the light was dimmed and three figures were 'shot' to the ground from it. I began to shake. They had human-like bodies but because they were 20 meters from my house, I couldn't distinguish their faces, just their color, which was completely black. They acted oddly. They would fan out, quickly return to one formation and fan out again. I remember two things distinctly. They reformed after a siren was sounded that resembled puppies

crying. And their speed was fantastic, tens of meters in two seconds. At this point, I alerted my wife and children and we escaped through the back door."

Two days later, Jenin was the site of perhaps the most remarkable incident of all. According to *Yediot Ahronot* reporter Said Badran, a Jenin resident picked up a hitchhiker on the Jenin-Dotan road. A few moments after he sat in the front seat, the driver looked at him and saw his face had become that of a dog with one eye. The driver stopped his car, got out and fainted after he saw the hitchhiker disappear.

Badran concludes, "The incident has become the talk of Jenin. Some of the religious leaders believe that the passenger was a demon who lives in the area. Others believe he is a devil known as The Blind Liar who has returned to presage the arrival of the messiah. The driver is still in shock and is being treated at Jenin Hospital."

The latest encounter was reported by *Maariv* on the 29th of December. On December 26, Daoud Ahmad, of the Nur-a-Shamat refugee camp, was taken to hospital with severe bruises and there told doctors he was beaten brutally by two small aliens he had surprised in his house.

According to Ahmad, "I awoke at one in the morning feeling thirsty. I tried to get out of my bed but two creatures jumped on me and beat me. They were 60 cm. in height, each had only one eye, hand and foot.

They were very strong. They wore black leathery clothes and had a line of hair on their heads. After they beat me, I lost consciousness."

Ahmad's wife took him to hospital and he was awaited upon his return home by a journalist from the Palestinian television station who reported that the bruise marks were made by a being with three fingers. Neighbors confirmed that they heard a ruckus in Ahmad's home but did not see anyone leave.

Palestinian Police Investigate Alien Kidnapping Attempt

On October 19, 1997 the Israeli news magazine *Yerushalayim* reported that the Palestinian Police were investigating their first alien kidnapping.

The event occurred three days before when a young girl, Suha A'anam from the village of Dir Al Awasan near Tulkarem, was rescued by fellow villagers from the clutches of an alien. The Police report states that Suha, a grade ten pupil, was standing on her 2nd floor balcony when suddenly an alien began pulling her left hand. She screamed hysterically, alerting neighbors to the scene just in time to save her. She was taken to Tulkarem Hospital with scratches to her arm.

A neighbor told the Police that she heard a noise like a helicopter, looked out her window and saw "a whirlpool in the air, spreading ash everywhere" opposite Suha's balcony.

Two other witnesses saw aliens the same week. Six days before, sixteen year old Muhand Faras was walking home from school when he came upon a strange being of a man's size but with a small "root" in the middle of its face. It's skin was colored "like a frog's," it had two tiny hands with three fingers on each and long fingernails. The alien made a threatening, clawing gesture at Muhand's face, screamed something and "flew to the sky." He does not know where the creature flew because he "was too frightened to look at it anymore and thought it might shoot something dangerous" at him.

Three days later, an engineer, Raid A'anam saw a black creature in the sky just before sundown. He told police investigators that the outline of the flying object was "human with two arms and two legs."

Palestinian Police have since set up ambushes to trap the "intruders" and put an end to the villagers' terror. Needless to say, many villagers believe the Israeli intelligence agency, the Shabak is behind the sightings. When asked why the Israelis would stage such an incident, the villagers answered, "To scare us."

Beduin Says Aliens Made Him Murder Son

At 3:30 A.M., July 27, 1997, Said Karumi, a Beduin Arab from Ofakim in Israel's Negev Desert walked into the Beersheva Police Station holding his infant son. He told the receiving police officers that, "Aliens

are after me." He released one hand from around his son's waist and pointed to the sky.

He then exited the police station and walked to a nearby service station where he bought five shekels worth of fuel in a bottle. He continued on to an empty lot, doused himself and his son with the fuel and ignited both. Said survived the flames but his son did not. When police arrived and asked him why he incinerated his son, he just pointed to the sky. It was later discovered that Karumi had never been treated for psychological disorders nor was he considered mentally unwell by the Ofakim Social Services office.

One could easily dismiss this incident as a simple case of a nut over-influenced by the media's obsession with aliens. However, the Beduin are one of the few peoples left in Israel who cling to their traditions and are not under the deep persuasion of Western culture.

Further, Karumi's was not the only case this year of a Beersheva Arab who claimed to have been in contact with what appear to be demonic aliens. Last October 14, a Beduin, Dr. Bashad, who is a European educated physician and his friend Massoud drove to Beersheva for a night of relaxation. They stopped to pick up what seemed to be a stranded driver by the side of the road. After Massoud asked if he was in trouble, the "stranded driver" slapped his hand to the side of the door and it adhered tightly to it. Massoud stared at the stranger and screeched as he saw "a horribly mutated face." When Dr. Bashad caught a glimpse of the creature, he sped away trying to ditch it. But it leaped

twenty feet in the air and re-adhered itself to the car. It clutched the speeding vehicle for several kilometers before disappearing.

The veracity of the incident is reinforced by the respected witnesses and by the fact that on the same night, another Arab ninety miles away had a similar experience. Abdul Alhazrad has driving near Jenin in the West Bank, when he spotted what he thought was a hitchhiker by the side of the road. He invited the hitchhiker inside and after he drove away, "To my shock, he changed into a man with a dog's head." The creature had long, floppy ears and one eye at the base of his dog-like nose. Alhazrad braked his car and ran away. The being followed him but soon after disappeared.

October 14 was a pretty busy night. Two demonic creatures stood by the sides of two roads, transformed themselves from humans into monsters, terrified three reliable Arab witnesses, gave chase then disappeared into the atmosphere.

As I reported previously, in the Autumn of 1996, a wave of demonic creatures were seen at close distances by numerous Arabs (and two Jewish women in Tel Aviv). An actual UFO landing was witnessed by a family of Arabs in a village outside Haifa was reported during this wave. Unlike the entire Israeli media, I am not automatically dismissing Karumi's murder of his son as the act of a madman. There have been too many similar "madmen" among Israeli and territorial Arabs in the past year. Karumi's case may

fit a pattern noted by Dr. Jacques Vallee in his book Passport to Magonia:

In the Soviet Union, not long ago, a leading plasma physicist died in strange circumstances. He was thrown under a Moscow subway train by a mentally deranged woman. It is noteworthy that she claimed "a voice from space" had given her orders to kill that particular man, orders she could not resist. Soviet criminologists, I have been reliably informed, are worried by the increase of such cases in recent years...

The current wave of mental imbalance that can be specifically tied to the rise and development of the contactee myth is an aspect of the UFO problem that must be considered with special care. I make no claims to understanding why there has been a wave of demon-like entities witnessed amongst Israeli Arabs in the past year. But I can verify that the wave has been characterized by the high quality of the testimony associated with it.

If one can generalize, Israeli Jewish close encounters since 1993 have mostly been with giant entities and UFO activity has always accompanied the incidents, while Arabs of the region are mostly encountering grotesque monsters, with less direct-UFO activity involved. Both the giants and the monsters are capable of disappearing into thin air.

MUTILATION IN ISRAEL

On the morning of May I, Amos and Miriam Glam of Sde Uziah, a farming community near Ashdod, found a scene of carnage in their sheep pen. Four sheep had been shaved in their cheeks and a precise 2 inch hole was drilled from one cheekbone to the other. Though killed by the operation, the sheep did not bleed.

This same cheekbone operation was performed on four sheep belong to the Gueta family of Moshav Porat, near Kadima in January 1995. UFO activity accompanied both cases. In nearby Kadima, a UFO was sighted a few days before the Gueta sheep mutilations and a large landing circle was filmed and examined for the television program *Sightings*.

Two nights before the Glam incident, a UFO hovered above the family home and beamed a projected light on Mrs. Glam for some ten seconds. Neither she nor her husband could see the craft which beamed the light. The next night, while presumably the sheep were being mutilated, the couple heard sounds "like mice scurrying" from their yard.

STUNNING ISRAELI EVIDENCE EMERGES

One might think 1997 was a poor year of UFO activity in Israel judging by the paucity of media reports. In fact, the media clamped down hard in January '97 after they were burned on the Achiod alien/lizard story and the false prediction of mass landings on

Jan.5. However, due to the superb research of David Ronen, Doron Rotem and the newcomer, Gil Bar, it turns out that 1997 was a vintage year for Israeli ufology. Some of the most dramatic physical evidence of the country's intense ten years of activity emerged last year. Following is a summary of 1997.

Films:

Over three nights in September 1996, Elad Niger filmed a remarkable UFO over the coastal plains city of Kochav Yair from his vantage point in the nearby city of Kfar Saba. He released the films to David Ronen in March of 1997. They reveal the prettiest UFO ever filmed in Israel. It looks like a colorful apple wearing a three-pronged crown.

1997 saw three UFOs filmed in Rishon Letzion, 10 miles south of Tel Aviv and a center of UFO activity since 1993 when giant aliens visited the apartment of Batya Shimon. Of the three clips, none is so memorable as Gil Bar's November filming of an ellipsoid disk captured in 4 PM sunlight being chased by an Israeli Air Force jet. The UFO's high speed maneuvers to escape the jet are most acrobatic. This is the first known instance of a military plane chasing a UFO captured on film in Israel.

Then on November 26, Nahum Shomroni video taped an afternoon invasion of low flying UFOs over Tel

Aviv. The light conditions were perfect and the craft were flying at only an estimated 700 meters altitude. The result is a breathtaking view of three sponge-shaped, dark UFOs of a type possibly never seen before.

Physical Evidence:

1997 saw two disturbing animal mutilation incidents associated with UFO sightings. They continued a pattern that began in the Negev village of Klachim in Dec. '96. Sylvia and Yitzhak Kadosh witnessed "an image as big as a house sparkling like a welding torch" land near their donkey compound. The light vanished before their eyes and they hoped it would be the last time their farm suffered such an intrusion. But their hope was not realized. Two nights later, two donkeys were mutilated. The older one had its eyes and tongue removed and its rib cage was exposed by a surgical removal of skin and tissue. The younger animal only had the latter operation performed on it.

In July '97, the Glam family of Sde Uziah, thirty miles west of Klachim, had a UFO experience which culminated in Mrs. Glam being chased by a projector light from an unknown source. Again, two nights later, their sheep pen was invaded and five sheep were drained bloodless from precise holes drilled in their cheeks.

Doron Rotem researched both incidents and to this

day, keeps an example from Sde Uziah frozen in his freezer. He admits his wife is not happy about this mutilated carcass sharing space with the family groceries.

The final incident made national news, the only serious UFO story to do so all year. On Nov. 2, a silver ellipsoid disk hovered over the Gaza Strip settlement of Paat Hasadeh. On Nov. 8, Yaacov Mazal-Terem awoke to discover a row of twelve pairs of holes, 5 cm. deep along the fence which enclosed his horse. The horse itself, had two 1 cm. holes surgically drilled into its front hooves. The row of holes was photographed by the national media and their origin remains a mystery. Speculation is they were alien tracks or pods from a craft.

And finally, the famed hot spot of Kadima returned gloriously to Israel's UFO history. From 1993-95, approximately 20 landing spots were discovered after nights of UFO activity in the skies. Within were shards of material later tested worldwide and found to be a nearly pure silicon. This year, the same shards were found twelve miles to the west on the beaches of Gaash and Shfayim after UFO activity was reported. On October 10, a UFO was seen over the Kadima suburb of Tel Yitzhak.

Idan Levy discovered its landing circle and found within, not shiny silicon but an unknown material that looks like grey branched coral and is highly elastic in nature. It was later tested and found to be mostly silicon but in an unexplainably rubbery form.

Israeli Crop Circle Update

The Israeli crop circle, the country's first ever alien pictograph is turning into a most important event with international significance. Following is the story as it stands now.

On the evening of April 12, 1998 a resident of the Jezreel Valley Arab village of Zarzir heard dogs bark wildly, looked outside and saw small lights darting in a nearby wheat field. The next day he told his friend Golan Masrin about the incident and he went to the field, thus discovering the crop circle.

Compared to those of Southern England, the circle is a simple design. It is a half circle of 26 meters diameter with a 26 meter straight line dissecting it from within, creating two quarter circles of wheat. The effect is a picture similar to an umbrella.

Within the circle were seven round pods in the mud. All vegetation within was killed and the ground was severely desiccated compared to the surrounding soil. In

four of the pods, the soil was coated in a white powder, while in the other three pods there was a red oily fluid. Where the fluid fell on wheat stalks, the plants turned brown compared to healthy plants in the field. Yet even in the field just beyond the circle, some wheat stalks were missing their heads and they could not be located beside the plants.

Young ufologist Gil Bar painstakingly collected the powder and oil from the earth and stored them in vials. They were examined in America by Dr. W.C. Levengood. The oil was of particular interest. It had a donut shaped molecular structure, unknown on earth, and associated with three abduction cases he and his associate Nancy Talbott had investigated.

UfO Mid-air Crash Filmed in Israel

Yet another landmark event in the eleven year long Israeli UFO wave has taken place. In what appears to be a historical first, a mid-air crash between two UFOs has been video-taped.

On Sept. 28, 1995, Spasso Maximovitch noticed an unexplainable object in the skies over Rosh Haayin in central Israel. He grabbed his video camera and captured a silvery, glowing object become, two, three and then four fiery orbs, in a near square formation, over a wide expanse of the northwestern sky. After this incident, Mr.

Maximovitch became a constant skywatcher. His diligence was rewarded on June 24, 1996 when a similar silvery orb appeared in the lower western sky. He trained his video camera on the orb . . . and then a glowing white oval-shaped object appeared some 20 degrees west of the object and streaked toward it at high speed. Within three seconds it struck the stationary orb, causing a huge explosion in the sky which must have destroyed both objects. Stunned, Maximovitch stopped filming immediately after capturing the explosion.

Alien Videotaped in Israel

Recently I acquired a videotape of what appeared to be an explosion between two UFOs over the city of Rosh Haayin. I sent the tape to MUFON and their skilled photoanalyst, Jeff Sainio, completed a thorough testing which satisfied most readers that the incident on tape was of an unexplainable nature. I could not release the tape to television producers or magazine editors because of stern warnings I have received about copyright infringement. I add, there is much information about this tape which I am discovering is being withheld.

Now I have uncovered a tape of what appears to be an alien being. For the time being I can only offer the barest facts about this alien on tape: The person who videotaped it, "A" was sixteen at the time. At 3:10 A.M., on March 16, 1996, a brilliant craft appeared above a

suburban town not far from Tel Aviv and awoke numerous people with its light. "A" and his family and house guest were awoken and he filmed the shining orb from his bedroom window. He then went outside and walked toward the source of the light. As he approached, the light "disappeared in an instant."

"A" appeared on a national youth television program, presented his film and gave an interview about his experience. The national attention was not appreciated by his mother "S" whose personality reportedly underwent a drastic change since the night of the incident. She hired a lawyer to track down copies of the tape and to threaten anyone utilizing it. I was one person he tracked down. Her efforts have been in vain. Her videotape is in amateur and expert hands worldwide and any attempts to sue those holding the tape will be in vain.

I gave a copy of the tape to Gil Bar, whose youthful enthusiasm has re-ignited my own research. He programmed the tape into his computer for analysis. He discovered the alien being just by examining the film frame by frame. What makes the stills so convincing is the typically "grey" body and head shape and the indisputable moving shadow left by the being.

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American Labs Confirm Israeli Encounters

April 1998's crop circle in the Jezreel Valley has remained the country's top UFO story throughout the summer. It is now accepted that the formation was, in fact, a landing site. This conclusion has been reached by the shape and symmetry of the formation. Within the site were seven indentations filled with a white powder and red oil. These are now believed to have been landing pods of the craft.

When I reported the incident, I wrote that I had samples of the oil and powder collected by Israel's most enthusiastic young ufologist, Gil Bar, and promised to supply samples to any lab willing to test them. The response to the appeal was quite wonderful with Dr. W.C. Levengood and his colleague Nancy Talbott arranging lab testing. When the results are in will announce them.

Until then, I have other results of laboratory testing which are of great interest. In return for sending him the most recent physical evidence of an Israeli UFO landing, Dr. Levengood supplied the results of his tests of materials I collected and sent to him in 1995 for testing on behalf of the TV show Sightings. The tests, conducted by Dr. Levengood at the Pinelandia Biophysical Lab and by John A. Burke at the Am-Tech Laboratory are most enticing and are being publicly released for the first time.

The Kadima Circle

UFO landings in the central Israeli town of Kadima began in 1993 and were characterized by an abundance of silvery shards within, tested in Israel and found to be a highly pure silicon; and by grass swirled clockwise and imbued with a red oil tested locally and found to be mostly iron but with a high level of liquid cadmium.

Drs. Levengood and Burke subjected the grass, metallic shards and oil to thorough laboratory testing and, quoting directly from their reports, discovered the following:

Grass Formation:

The grass was from 15-20 cm in height and the stems ranged from 1.5 to 2mm diameter. Control grass was received from an area outside the formation.

a. microscopic examination revealed that the nodes

appeared to be expanded and in some cases collapsed inward even though the stems were still hydrated. This suggests a rather prolonged localized heating at the node positions.

b. one of those sub-apical nodes contained an expulsion cavity typical of those found only within crop formations in other countries.

c. microscopic examination of the parenchyma tissue within these expanded nodes disclosed the presence of elongated cell wall pits with 'stretch marks,' again confirming the presence of energetic alterations similar to those observed within many crop formations.

d. the presence of twisted 'nests' within the formation indicates the presence of a high degree of turbulence within the energy vortex.

Silicon Crystals:

Several fragments of what appeared to be silicon were found at the center of the circle formation.

a. the energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) curve confirms the fact that these crystals are pure silicon.

b. it is interesting to note that there are no growth lines as would normally be expected if these crystals were thermochemically grown as a pure single crystal. Silicon does not normally occur in this pure form.

c. it is highly unusual to find this type of material out in a field or pasture, since it is very expensive to produce.

Red Material On Grass:

Coating of a red granular material on the stems and leaves of plants, termed 'red hay' by collectors.

a. non-magnetic and does not appear to be pure iron oxide.

b. in some regions there is a smooth surface, as if the material had dried from a volatile base such as paint.

c. the EDS shows a high iron peak with the presence of several elements.

Among the elements identified are cadmium, potassium, and aluminum. Drs. Levengood and Burke admit, in the case of the oil, that the elements in the EDS do not really confirm the origin of this material.

However, the results of the shard and grass testing are most gratifying for Israeli ufology. The shards had previously been tested by the National Geological Institute Laboratory in Israel and the University of Manchester's Materials Science Laboratory in England and found to be at least 99.35% pure silicon. Levengood and Burke confirm previous testing results but add an important fact. Because a prankster was loose in Kadima, many in the Israeli ufological community feared he planted the silicon in the circles. Levengood and Burke prove that the type of silicon found would be far too expensive to be spread about by a hoakster.

They next tested sand and soil gathered from the Shikmona Beach site, near the northern coastal city of Haifa. In 1987, a UFO flashed a red light beam and an image of the craft and its pilot was burnt into the sands below. Levengood and Burke confirmed that a most mysterious incident had taken place:

Soil Samples From Shikmona Beach:

Samples of a red clay collected on Sept.28, 1987. One sample collected from a dark ovoid form in the soil and a control taken some distance away.

a. the control appeared to consist of normal soil particles from a red clay type soil (fine particle structure).

b. the formation sample consisted of very dark red or almost black granular particles which appeared to be well mixed with the clay soil. An odor similar to kerosene was detected in the bag.

c. when attempting to take photomicrographs of the two soil samples for comparative purposes the microscope light was positioned for reflective illumination. During this set-up process the soil matrix of the formation sample was observed to literally melt down, that is it became bubbly, and when the heat source (miscroscope light) was turned off the soil-liquid hardened into a black mass of rounded particles.

d. thermal studies indicated that the soil melting temperature was in the range of 50 C (around 120

degrees F). This indicates the presence of a very low melting point hydrocarbon.

e. in consultation with a Geophysicist we were told that he was not aware of any material with these properties existing in the natural environment.

f.. this very unusual, low melting point material repeatedly re-solidifies into the black globular form, therefore it was not in the liquid form when samples were originally taken.

If one wishes to know how the Shikmona Beach UFOs (there was a similar incident eight months later) burnt their images onto the sands of Shikmona Beach, Levengood and Burke provide the answer. The craft painted the sand with an unidentified low melting black hydrocarbon.

The laboratory analyses only confirm what has been obvious to most Israeli ufologists; their incidents are amongst the most unusual and believable anywhere. The Shikmona Beach and Kadima incidents both passed muster after strict laboratory testing and must be counted as amongst the best proved UFO encounters of the past two decades.

Bet Zarzir and Tel Yitzhak:

Materials found in an Israeli UFO crop formation and landing site are currently undergoing laboratory

testing in the US. While final results have not yet been released, preliminary findings have been announced and they are very exciting.

In September 1997, a father and his son discovered a landing site in Tel Yitzhak, a suburb of Kadima. Dispersed within previous Kadima circles, over twenty since 1993, were shards of a metallic material and a crimson colored oil. The shards were tested in three laboratories and found to be composed of highly pure (at least 99.35%) silicon. The red oil was twice tested in laboratories which agreed it was iron based though other elements were identified including an unusually high level of cadmium.

In April of this year, a crop formation 26 meters in diameter was discovered in the Jezreel Valley. Within were seven indentations, possibly landing pods, filled with a white powder and crimson oil. A young ufologist Gil Bar collected the materials and I sent an Internet appeal for laboratory testing of them. I was rewarded well when when the team of Dr. W.C. Levengood and Nancy Talbott took on the responsibility of testing in their own facilities. Ms. Talbott released the preliminary results this month (August 1998) and they have great international significance.

Tel Yitzhak:

The Tel Yitzhak material looks like a lichen but is composed of material which stretches like a rubber band. I have shown the material at four UFO conferences in the past year and each time participants and audience guessed by its appearance that it had to be organic.

Their guesses were wrong. According to the Levengood/Talbott results, the 'lichen' is composed of the same highly pure silicon found in previous Kadima circles.

Bet Zarzir:

The crop formation material found at Bet Zarzir in the Jezreel Valley is no less significant. While Ms. Talbott did not report on the white powder, grasses within the circle were highly magnetized.

But it is the red oil which is looking like the scientific prize. Its internal structure is made up of large (2 micron) donut-shaped compounds. Ms. Talbott reported that the same donut-shaped internal structure was found in materials connected to two previous alien abduction cases. Dr. Levengood is now conducting advanced tests on the red oil, the results of which are eagerly anticipated in Israel and should be, everywhere.

Rosh Ha'ayin's Mid-Air Explosion:

Last month I reported that I had acquired a video copy of a mid-air UFO explosion over the Israeli city of Rosh Haayin. I wrote that my impression was the video captured a profoundly important moment: the first mid-air UFO collision ever recorded. I requested that experts analyze the film scientifically.

Within a day, Dwight Connelly of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) committed himself to having the video analyzed. The video is a compilation of two UFO events recorded by Spasso Maximovitch in 1995 and 1996. I sent Dwight both clips and he passed them on to MUFON's video expert Jeff Sainio for computer analysis. The following is his report.

I will not comment on his conclusions. Jeff has no need of my analysis of his analysis. Let's just sum matters up like this: It's The Real Thing. Added to Israel's list of UFO firsts, is the first mid-air explosion between two unexplained aerial craft ever captured on videotape or any other media.

Text Of The MUFON Videoanalysis
6/24/96
Rosh Haayin, central Israel
Spasso Maximovitch

Events as reported to me from Barry Chamish. `On 28/9/95, Spasso Maximovitch noticed an unexplainable object in the skies over Rosh Haayin in central Israel. He grabbed his video camera and captured a silvery, glowing object become, two, three and then four fiery orbs, in a near square formation, over a wide expanse of the northwestern sky. After this incident, Mr. Maximovitch became a constant skywatcher. His diligence was rewarded on 24/6/96 when a similar silvery orb appeared in the lower western sky. He trained his video camera on the orb... And then a glowing white oval-shaped object appeared some 20 degrees west of the object and streaked toward it at high speed. Within three seconds it struck the stationary orb, causing a huge explosion in the sky which must have destroyed both objects. Stunned, Maximovitch stopped filming immediately after capturing the explosion.`

The submitted video, which was in PAL format, was converted to NTSC format. It shows several events; a group of lights, one apparently dropped from another (the dropping is seen in the stills marked 28/9/1995 and 3:27:33); a stationary light which is apparently struck by a moving light, and a triangle of lights. The group of lights is interesting, but I could find no basis for investigating any form of anomalousness. The triangle of lights has no reference objects to indicate what or where it is.

The stationary light was much more interesting. Various lights, probably streetlights, in the video were used as reference objects, and showed that the light was stationary over some 30 seconds. An approaching airplane's landing lights will appear stationary, although motionlessness over this length of time seems unusual.

A vertical tower structure, apparently made of girders, is near the light. Some horizontal structure is atop the structure. It was not sufficiently defined for continuous measurements to be made from it. Another bright object appears to the left and slightly below the stationary object. In 2.9 seconds, it moves toward the stationary object, apparently hitting and exploding. In 1/4 second, the explosion disappears with no trace of either object. The 5-frame sequence to the right illustrates the sequence.

The bright object can be seen to move between the girders of the vertical structure. This is useful in determining the relative size of the moving light. (The size of the light as seen on the video, is misleading; it is presumably much smaller than what is seen, due to extreme overexposure and glare.) The light disappears or reappears completely 6 times; in 3, the change is abrupt; completely bright-to-dark or vice versa. In the other 3, the change is gradual, with a frame showing partial brightness. What can be learned from this? One

must remember that the video is a sequence of 1/50 second time exposures. Assume the light is small, and that the moving object has only one light. If by chance, the disappearance coincides with the period between exposures, an abrupt disappearance will be seen. A large light, or several lights horizontally separated, will never disappear abruptly while moving slowly. Since 6 occurrences form a useful population of samples, the moving light can reliably be said to be quite small. This probably eliminates the flame from a missile as a source.

Although the vertical structure was not a reliable reference object, the two lights' relative position could be measured. Over 500 measurements of the two lights' position were made. The graph at right shows the distance between the 2 lights. Breaks in the data line are due to unreliable data from camera motion or the moving light going behind the girders. Reference straight lines show constant speed. The slopes of the lines show that the moving light spent about a second at some speed, then sped up about 16% before the collision. The 16% is not due to a zoom change; the tower is sufficiently visible to verify that its size does not appreciably change. Although the graph shows noise and missing data, the acceleration certainly occurred in under a second. No reasonable object I know of is capable of a 16% acceleration in a second.

When the 2 objects apparently collide and explode, the apparent size of the light expands by a factor of roughly 2.5; this does not appear to be due to overexposure, but is the real size of the object. The last 2 frames of the video are NOT overexposed, but diffuse; since overexposure is not involved, this indicates the actual size of the explosion is shown. The real increase in size of the bright area is certainly much larger than 2.5. In the video the explosion moves downward; this is probably due to camera motion of the startled videographer; the reference tower is too smeared to verify this conclusion.

The explosion is not due to any conventional method I am familiar with; conventional, large explosions require much more than 1/4 second to disappear, and usually generate flaming debris that falls from the explosion. Neither characteristic is seen here.

The acceleration, light size, and explosion are not explainable in any convention way that I know of, and this case remains unidentified.

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Huge UfO Leaves Its Mark On Israeli Corn Field

On Sunday, Sept. 19, Tsafrir Meisel was descending a hill near his home in the Jezreel Valley village of Tel Adashim when he saw an unexplained clearing in a corn field below. He investigated and discovered what he thought might have been vandalism to the corn crop. He phoned the local police station and requested to speak to his brother-in-law, officer Gedalia Reiken. He told the duty officer that hundreds of corn plants were crushed but since there were no paths to the field, the incident might be one concerning an unidentified flying object.

This phone call was apparently monitored by the radio station Reshet Aleph but since it was the first day of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana, not many people heard the announcement of a possible UFO landing when it was broadcast. Tsafrir told a neighbour what he saw and she called a UFO enthusiast of her acquaintance, Oren Yosef of Tel Aviv, to inform him

about the landing. Oren called two fellow UFO investigators, Gil Bar and me and we arrived the next day with video and still cameras, nylon samples bags, and a tape measurer.

May I switch to first person? I was the first and so far, only journalist to visit the site. It was absolutely fresh and untouched when I entered it. My, in fact our, first impression was of utter awe. The corn was literally high as an elephant's eye, over eight feet tall, and it formed a daunting wall around an enormous formation, allowing us to sketch an exact impression of the site's shape.

The object which made the indentation was by far the largest of the many UFO images and circles left on Israeli soil since its UFO wave began in 1987. In the middle of the formation were what we initially thought were wings, stretching an amazing forty meters from tip to tip. Above and below the wings was were quarter circle protrusions, twenty meters in length and fifteen meters distance from each other, which we assumed were images of the body of the plane. Above the wings were two symmetrical protrusions, about two meters in width, five meters long and situated 20 meters from each other.

The overall impression was of an ellipsoid shaped object with long triangular wings ending in blunt tips and

two exhaust pipes protruding just above the wings. I drew the image in my mind and it looked like a classic UFO. There was something deeply bothersome about the shape of the formation but I couldn't quite put my finger on it.

After creating an impression of the site, we began our search for clues. The first thing I noticed were the corn cobs; the hair seemed burnt and when we removed the peels, the corn was dried out, covered in a pink gummy fluid and even looked partly eaten. But to cut to the chase, we later showed the many samples we had collected to local farmers and they explained that the corn was past its prime and insects and fungi had attacked it. Corn gathered from a hundred meters away had the same characteristics.

However, there was no denying that the corn stalks were bent dramatically, most right to the ground, in a north-south direction. The northern wall of the formation stood straight, while the southern side was swept dramatically downward. All other Israeli landing circles that I was aware of, were round and formed by spiral swirling. This site was formed in a one directional sweep.

Further, all previous Isaeli circles had an abundance of physical evidence within, including shards of nearly

pure silicon, red oil and white powder. There wasn't an iota of physical leftovers within the Tel Adashim site.

Also bothersome was the massive size of the craft. Most Israel circles were in the 4.5 meter diameter range. The largest previous landing site occurred in Kadima on January 15, 1995 and it was fifteen meters in length. The Tel Adashim site was a whopping forty meters in length and that didn't fit the Israeli pattern. As I stood in the deep corn canyon created by the craft, I realized that this was no landing site but I saved my opinion until we sat down in a restaurant a few hours later.

Local residents saw our car parked in the middle of nowhere and stopped to check us out. They ducked down and followed the short trail into the site. They were no less awed than we were, even though this was not everyone's first UFO encounter.

Dov Nir is friends with small craft plane enthusiasts and in 1992 he had taken a series of controversial aerial photographs of a crop formation at Kibbutz Dalia. His brother-in-law Chaim related how three months before, he saw a triangular UFO hovering over the Jezreel Valley which then took off in a flash and disappeared.

Last April, Israel's first verified crop formation occurred in a wheat field beside the Jezreel Valley town

of Bet Zarzir, barely ten miles away. Materials found within this site are being investigated in the US. Prelimary findings by Dr. W.C. Levengood and Nancy Talbott have verified that a most unusual event took place there. (I digress: The Bet Zarzir incident is becoming weirder. Though the town is keeping a lid on the matter, a few residents reported seeing glowing giants in their homes on the night the formation was made.)

After we had completed our investigation, we began the drive back which was interrupted by an overwhelming sense of tiredness. Oren and Gil had fallen asleep in minutes and I was too weary to drive. So I pulled over at a restaurant and there we reflected on the day's events.

We, as well as the local residents agreed, this was not caused by human intervention. There was no path of any kind for the kind of machine that would be needed to create an exact symmetrical image forty meters in length out of corn. Thus, Oren and Gil assumed that a UFO landed there.

I asked Gil to draw the UFO and his impression nearly matched mine. He drew the kind of classic craft seen many thousands of times worldwide. I then explained that the site could not have been created by a craft landing. It was not feasible for the underside of a

UFO to be shaped so strangely. What we saw was a UFO in profile. The craft had most likely created a pictogram of itself in the corn. The wings we thought we saw, were, in fact, the middle rim of the craft. This bore the trademark of the Shikmona Beach incident of September, 1987 when a craft burned its images onto the sands below and initiated the current Israeli UFO wave.

It took a while but Oren and Gil were swayed by my logic. Oren noted, "The formation at Tel Adashim was found on Rosh Hashana day so must have been made on Rosh Hashana evening. The Shikomona Beach pictograph was made on Rosh Hashana evening as well, eleven years before to the day."

Gil added, "The Bet Zarzir formation was made last April on the first night of Passover." I noted, "All the circles in the Kadima area which led to encounters with giant beings occurred on the Sabbath."

Trying to make sense of the Israeli UFO phenomena seems to require historical references. The Jezreel Valley, which has produced two crop formations this year, has its share of noted biblical sites. A few miles before Tel Adashim, we passed Mount Tabor, where Jesus spent forty days in isolation before beginning his ministry. Had we kept driving, it would have taken us ten minutes to arrive at Mount Megiddo (Har Megiddo), the biblical site of Armageddon.

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The Flying Triangles Make a Triumphant Return to Israel

The summer of 1999 saw the return of flying triangular formations over Israel and as always, their appearance was greeted with video cameras to solidly document them. With the media uninterested in the phenomena, it is Israel's old guard of skywatchers who made certain that the aerial invaders were captured on film.

Take July 22, as a case in point. This was the evening of Tisha B'av, a sad Jewish fast day, recalling the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans. The triangular craft was first spotted in the north of the country at 7:30 P.M., sundown, in the cities of Tsfat and Yokneam. It was videotaped in both places. Then the phone network went to work. Rafi Malka, a professional photographer who, in 1988, videotaped Israel's first UFO, over Haifa, was told of the triangle. He managed to tape it from his home in Ashdod and earned the

distinction of being the first Israeli to videotape two separate UFOs.

He phoned his nephew Doron Malka in Yavne who spread the word in that city. Among those he contacted was professor Rami Shkalim, who produced an absolutely brilliant videotape of the craft. He was one of over two hundred people in three groups viewed the craft in Yavne until it disappeared at approximately 12:30 AM. But he was the only one to have just purchased a Sony 320 zoom video camera, essentially professional equipment.

I drove to Professor Shkalim's home and watched his film. It ranks as one of the most exciting in Israel's brief UFO history, and that is no mean accomplishment. For ten minutes we see a craft with two silvery lights, both surrounded by a perfectly circular red aura twice their size. Then the craft seems to turn and we see a tiny third light to the left. Then it seems to turn again and we have a triangle of lights. Then the craft becomes two lights, which emit spirally turning lights, like twisting fireworks, before the craft disappears to the west. During the night the craft traversed an oval shaped path in the upper northern sky.

Dr. Shkalim is some witness! He has a PhD in both physics and philosophy and is currently a professor of

Kabbala at Bar Ilan University. And he took the courageous step of going public with his videotape. He called the popular television morning news program, *Good Morning Israel*, and volunteered to present his tape on camera. He appeared with the Israeli establishment's prime debunker, Prof. Ariel Cohen and tore him apart with the solidness of his evidence. Cohen, meanwhile was more ignorant than usual. In a classic statement of perverted misinformation, he claimed that, "In 1947, the first UFOs were seen by Arnold Palmer."

It was a media triumph for Prof. Shkalim, and by its end the program's host chided Cohen, telling him, "This film is too weird to be written of as a planet or anything else we know."

The fact that the UFO appeared nationwide on *Tish B'av* follows the pattern of major incidents falling on Jewish holy days. Without going into the details of each encounter, the Shikmona Beach incident occurred on Rosh Hashana evening, the Kadima sightings were on the Sabbath, the crop formation at Tel Adashim was also formed on Rosh Hashana evening, while an even more spectacular formation at Bet Zarzir was formed on Passover evening. Israel's most documented UFO incidents occur with undeniable regularity on Jewish holy evenings and the latest Tisha B'av sighting has convinced many local observers that this can no longer be dismissed as accidental.

On August 27, ufologist David Ronen was skywatching as usual and spotted a triangular UFO over Tel Aviv. He quickly phoned Gil Bar and told him, "The craft is heading towards Rishon Letzion. Get your camera." Gil rushed to his roof and filmed an Israeli Air Force jet chasing an elliptic-shaped UFO over Rishon Letzion in broad daylight. He publicized his accomplishment and this led to his collecting of four other UFOs filmed by Rishon Letzion Residents.

Triangular UFOs Over Rishon Letzion

In early November two residents of Rishon Letzion, some ten miles southwest of Tel Aviv contacted me through my UFO website. Both had seen impressive triangular UFOs over the skies of the city.

On November 5 of this year, Gil and I visited the two latest witnesses. Our first stop was at Adrian Dvir's apartment. Dvir, an electrical engineer by trade, is convinced that aliens guide his hands while healing ailing patients. He has gathered around him a group of five other 'alien healers' and on October 9 while they were meeting together, a UFO appeared in the sky and they filmed it. It is a splendid amateur film of a craft with no shortage of background perspective backing its veracity. The finest moment on the film is a closeup of

the craft revealing three beautiful balls, one orange, the others silver and white in a perfect triangular formation. This is one of the finest UFO films taken in Israel and that is saying a great deal. It has been my experience at UFO conferences on three continents that Israeli UFO footage is the most compelling and genuine in the world.

Our next stop was at the nearby home of Avishai Granot. He is a twenty year veteran of the Israeli Defence Forces who is now a computer graphic artist. He prepared a graphic of the UFOs he witnessed for us. They were two triangular craft which flew over the eastern section of Rishon Letzion on October 16. They matched Dvir's description and his film.

Granot told us, "The UFOs came from the north at lightning speed, hovered over the city for about a minute and disappeared in a flash making a suction noise as it went." When he saw Dvir's film he immediately identified the craft captured on the screen as the same ones he had seen."

Initially Granot would not say what his function was in the army. He only hinted, "I know every craft and weapon we've got and what I saw wasn't one of them." Over the evening Granot, a very intense man, warmed up enough to admit that the military and police used his parapsychological gift in many ways, including in the

location of missing soldiers. He is most reluctant to detail his gifts but gave us examples of what can best be described as autokinesis. He has long given up the practice of parapsychology because of the strain it put on his life.

Gil and I left, perplexed to say the least. He was even more skeptical of Adrian Dvir's claims of alien healing talents than I was, and I was the one who suffered through a demonstration on his healing table. Yet both of us acknowledged that Avishai Granot was a most stable and serious witness.

And we agreed the evidence we had collected was superb. Dvir's film was beautifully corroborated by Granot's graphic. In an area of 100,000 people, the only witnesses to this most remarkable triangular UFO claimed extraordinary mental powers. Dvir and his fellow healers boasted of theirs, while Granot reluctantly admitted that his had been recognized by the Israeli military.

"What do you think it means?" asked Gil. I confidently answered, "God knows."

Epilog

The Israeli ufologist has a huge advantage over his counterparts around the world. He can compare the events of today with the chronicles of his ancient ancestors. This I tried to do, hoping I would find parallels between the unknown Beings arriving in Israel today and the biblical angels and prophets. As the reader must realize, I failed.

The angels looked like us, we were created in the image of their Leader and our prophets were of their seed. Whatever is landing in today's Israel, in almost all cases, is taller than us by at least a foot and has entirely different facial features. We are not likely of its seed.

The biblical angels had a mission to guide Israel towards morality. The present day visitors evince no interest in our morality and very little in our behavior at all. They appear to be on a different, and ungodly mission...

For they are only interested in the women of Israel.

Except for the two male witnesses of Yatzitz, and their encounter was probably accidental, and the one man abducted in Tel Aviv, all the meetings have been with women. And all the women were in their late thirties except for the young girl from Netanya abducted by typical midget grey aliens. The odds of this being a coincidence are statistically remote if not, near impossible. There must be a reason for the encounters with the same type of woman.

Though my reading of the Bible in UFO terms discounts the current visitors being angels, I found a much better contender within the ancient scriptures; the giants. The Bible is not a mythical work, the ancient Hebrews intended to record their history accurately. When it's written that there were giants in the land in those days, the statement should be taken literally. There were giants before the Flood and they persisted until the time of King David. And God despised them.

God had his reasons for his hatred of the giants, and most were sexual. The ancestors of the giants were the Nefilim, literally those who fell from above. They had their way with the daughters of Man, including those of Adam and Noah, and the result was two new races in the world; the Anakim, or giants and the Refaim, a mongrel human/giant specie. One can assume that the Nefilim kidnapped and raped the human women, for we are told

they found them attractive, while there is no mention of the women returning the feeling.

Worldwide, the alien visitors, usually small and grey, kidnap and rape human women. The most common alien encounter involves a trip to a space ship, a medical examination, a resulting pregnancy, the fetus removed and later, short bonding sessions with the half human, half alien infant.

The Israeli women had similar encounters. The Being would enter the woman's bedroom late at night and neutralize the husband so he would experience nothing. The woman would be calmed telepathically and the Being would look around for a short while, seemingly examining mundane objects.

That is mostly what the women recall. And yet, how do we explain the mysterious pregnancies of two of the witnesses and the visitors' obsession with the bedrooms of most of the rest? There is strong reason to suspect that the creatures had their way with modern Israeli women, just as they did with their ancient counterparts. The result was likely mixed human/giant offspring. And because of the age of the women, I suspect this process may have begun well before the current UFO wave began in 1987.

One possible conclusion is that the ancient giants have returned. If so, we can only hope God will save Israel from them. In biblical times, God sent his generals, from Joshua to David, to utterly destroy the Anakim. Their sexual aberrations utterly appalled Him and when perversion became the norm, he would see that their cities were razed, in the case of Sodom, without any help from the few Israelites who dwelled in the land.

And He succeeded in eliminating them. From the time of David until 1993 no giants were reported in Israel. Now they are back and if the Bible teaches anything, it is to treat them with dread, for they are evil.

Why have they returned? There is a school of thought that says their return was coincident with Israel's leaders secretly making an alliance with the PLO.

I study ufology along strict journalistic lines. In this book, all encounters are accompanied by strong physical evidence, films, photos, laboratory tests and extensive corroborating testimony. For that reason I excluded certain people who claim to be in personal touch with the visitors. I listened to a lecture by a woman from Acco who claimed the Beings had given her the ability to write in their symbolistic style. She told the audience that they warned her of the danger Israel is facing because of the *peace* process. Yossi Saguy wrote a short book claiming

his aliens forewarned him of the Rabin assassination. A witness from Bet Shemesh, who will never allow herself to be named, fearing for her career, invited me to see two landing circles in her back yard. Convinced by the evidence, she explained to me that her Beings were very handsome human-looking men. They had warned her that evil Beings had gained control of Israel's leadership but the human-like visitors were preparing to do battle with them when their forces were strong enough.

Normally, I would discount all the testimony as being too flimsy. But as has been pointed out to me, the first giants arrived in April 1993, just as the Oslo Accord with the PLO was being written and stayed until the summer when the agreement was finalized. This was the most intense period of their visitations and since then, encounters have become far more periodic.

To the vast majority of people, the Oslo Accord was a turning point in Israeli history, while the return of the giants was either nonsense or of no significance. To me and to hundreds of other interested Israelis, the Kadima landings were an equally significant turning point in Israel's long history. Both events, were indisputably coincident.

The world has been deceived into believing the Oslo Accord was aimed at bringing peace to Israel. It wasn't.

The people behind it have no love for Israel or the Jewish people. And once the PLO was back in the ancient Jewish land, the bloodshed intensified.

And the UFOs appeared in the skies in droves. Israel has more UFO sightings proportionately than any other nation. Its people have filmed a greater variety of craft. An abundance of solid physical evidence has been left in their wake. Yet, this is not happening with remotely the same intensity in or over the nations that border Israel. Only the most occasional incidents of UFO activity are reported from the vastly larger nations of Syria and Egypt. There is no mistaking one fact; the UFOs are specifically interested in Israel. Frankly, I'd feel much happier if they would start appearing over the skies of Cairo and Damascus.

This book offered physical proof of the existence of ancient giants in the 5000 year old Gilgal Refaim. It offered physical evidence of space travel in the message found in the wadis near Jerusalem, which could only be rediscovered with the advent of satellite photography. Further strong testimony to space travel exists in the text of the Bible itself.

The ancient records, physical and written, tell us that giants landed from heaven, and they made alliances with the enemies of God and Israel. One such alliance was

between Goliath's race and the Philistines. Call it a linguistic coincidence, but instead of Philistines, the Giants now have an opportunity to ally with the similarly sounding Palestinians.

In biblical times there was a war between Israel, the Philistines, the giants and God. Today the battle lines are drawn between the Israelis and the Palestinians; and the giants are back. So where is God?

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